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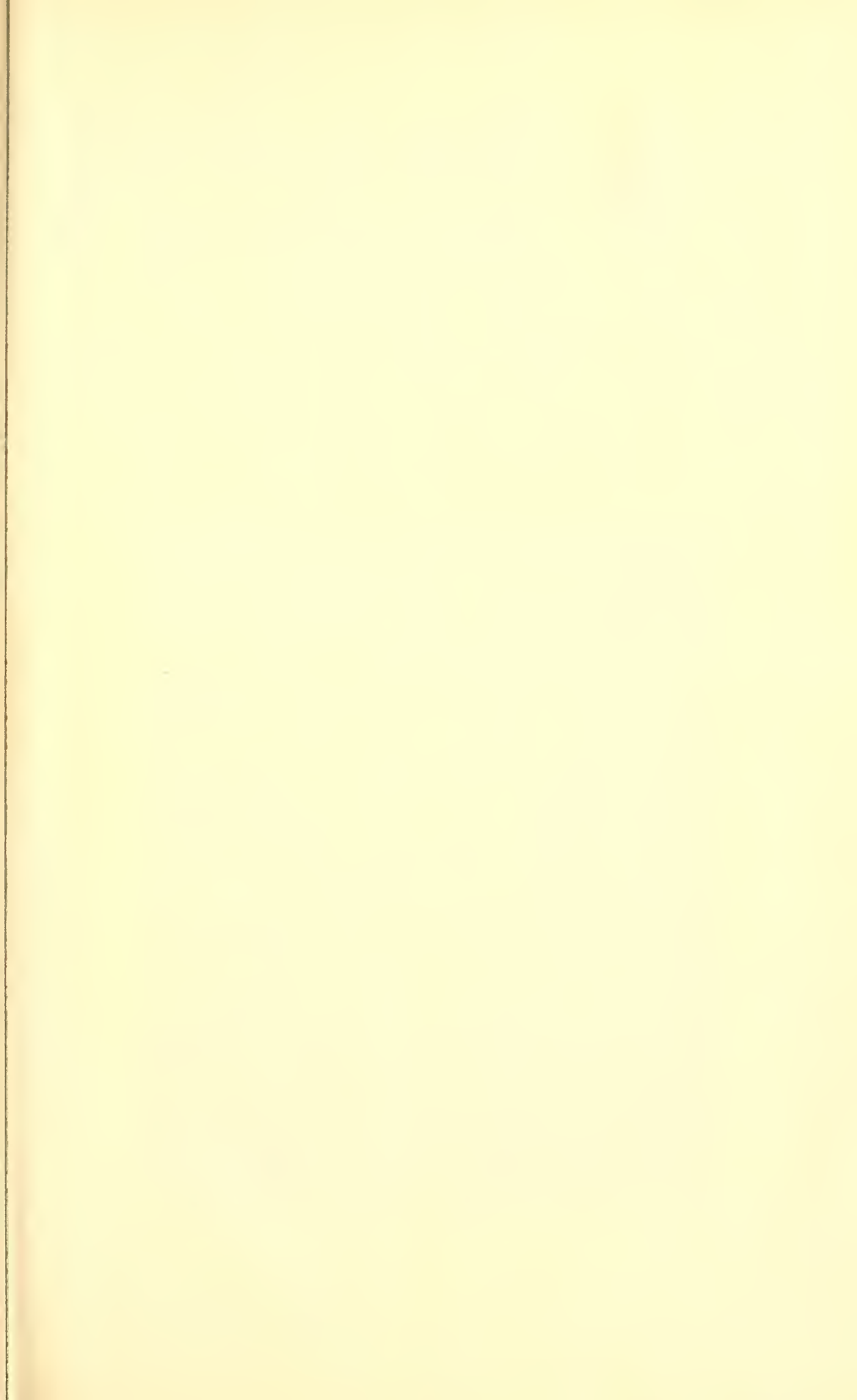


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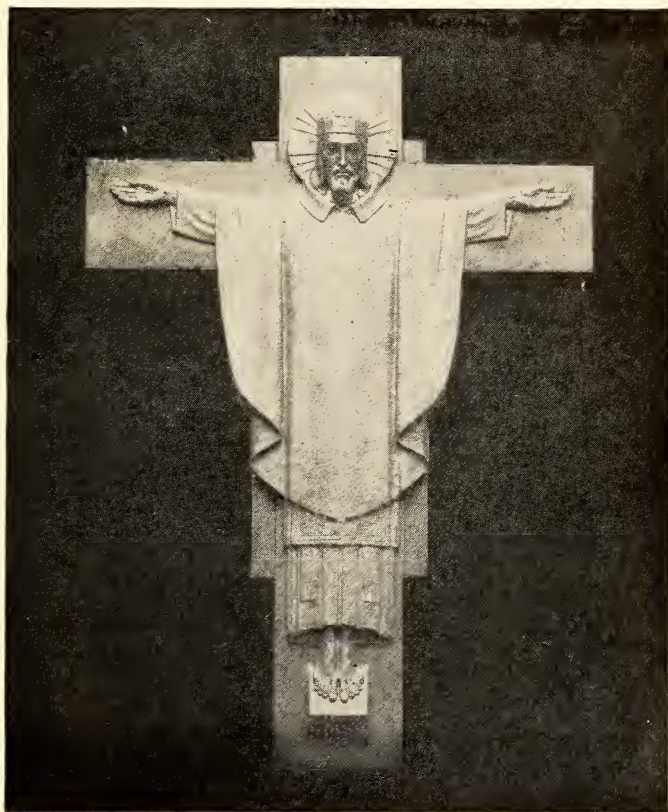


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Paganism

We trust that all good Churchmen are using whatever influence they possess against the plan to remove wholesale the bodies of American boys who fell in action and who are most appropriately buried in beautiful spots near where they fought their last fight.

War is too altogether horrible to have added to its suffering the unnecessary pain which will be inflicted upon the loved ones of these American sons who died far from home. No Christian believes that there is any sanctity in the human corpse nor that its preservation in any particular spot has any connection with the eternal welfare of the soul which once dwelt within it. Surely if these boys could be heard they would say that a far more fitting memorial to them would be the expenditure of the vast sum involved, in relieving the starving and the naked or for the furthering of movements to make war forever impossible.

There is however a far more sinister side to this question. Slowly but surely the rights of the American people to decide their own destinies are being taken

away by lobbyists and pressure groups. A writer in The Witness states fearlessly that this whole sad question would never have arisen were it not for a lobby of funeral directors in Washington. THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN has no means of checking up on this statement. We merely assume that The Witness would not dare to print it if untrue. We do, however, call upon all decent funeral directors to come out and repudiate it, as something that should not be forced upon the American people, most of whom are unselfish and kindly and do not wish lavish expenditure on the dead as an alleviation of their sorrow.

Passiontide

The solemn character of the last two weeks of Lent is attuned to the times in which we live. It is significant that three great Passiontide hymns "The Royal Banners Forward Go", "Sing my Tongue the Glorious Battle", and "See the Destined Day Arise" were all written by Venantius Fortunatus who lived in the tumultuous sixth century when the world had not recovered from the downfall of the Roman Empire and much of Christendom was in anarchy and confusion.

As the days increase since the actual firing ended we grow discouraged and appalled at the failure of the world to right itself, at the drawing apart of the recent Allies, at chaos and confusion everywhere. If the picture of the world today, crying out for Christ's solution of its ills, does not move men's hearts, then we ask, "What will?" For Gethsemane and Calvary are being re-enacted before our eyes.

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For Our Safe Return

By the Rev. Peter Lambert

If mankind is driven in each generation to seek for the answers of life somewhere outside of his own experience the individual Christian need not be unduly dismayed that out of "man's extremity comes God's opportunity." Because we have largely relegated the omnipotence of God to a sphere beyond our concern—that power which Christ wielded in His humanity to accomplish his "mighty resurrection" which we commemorate at each celebration of the Holy Communion,—we are too close to despair in this age in which we may be thrust close to the brink of annihilation by means of atomic power, as we conceive of it. Our question is "what shall save us from our own weapons?" Theologically, we have a vague notion of what Salvation means, and that likely is a popularized, distorted conception. In its root meaning it can mean simply "a safe return." If we could substitute this phrase in the Nicene Creed we might more readily understand the reason for our Lord's coming to earth, . . . *for our "safe return"* He was incarnate by the Holy Ghost . . . (the Love proceeding from the Father and Son) suffered . . . rose again; and ascended into heaven. It may seem all too simple an answer for our complex age of anxiety. Still it is the "safe return" that we all desire, whether we phrase it as such or not.

Our concern "to save our own skin" may well drive us to seek refuge in spiritual power because in our atomic insecurity the "Security Council" of the United Nations Organization does not fill us with much confidence or hope. How many of our inner conflicts contribute to the social and political disorders we cannot be certain. It would take a whole new moral vocabulary to deliver men of their nominal fears and aches—And yet would the real creative struggle of man to know his meaning in the universe begin to explain his personal spiritual relation to God? It is an age-old story to the Church which has seen civilization rise and decline while the eternal message of the Good News of the power of our Lord's "mighty resurrection" is ever immediately applicable to the whole race as well as to the individual soul. God in Christ has not kept Himself concealed from us and by the same means as the saints have made their *safe return* can we confidently realize with St. Paul that the world is saved by hope.

If it is *power* that is to captivate and influence our thought and activity for a phase of our civilization and how to avoid the "uncanny storms and the silences" of annihilation, certainly the Power that created and sustains the world which we may hold all unknowingly for an instant in our hand at the altar rail might the more repel us. The power of God as revealed on Sinai and as revealed on Calvary stand in contrast until we realize that in the power of His "mighty resurrection" we can go forth "in lowly strength and yet in conquering might" undaunted by the fears that harass the atomic or any other age.



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Kanuga Schedule Announced

The Retreat for Women will open the summer conference season at Kanuga Lake, conference center of the Episcopal Church near Hendersonville. The retreat will be held June 3-6 under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Albert S. Thomas, D. D., retired bishop of South Carolina. It will be followed by the convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of Western North Carolina, June 6-7.

The Laymen's Conference will follow immediately June 7-10. At the end of this conference the camp season will begin with the Midget Camp, for girls, June 15-28, under the direction of Mrs. Burchill R. Moore, and the Cub Camp for boys, June 29-July 12, directed by Burchill R. Moore, Charleston, S. C.

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., bishop of Western North Carolina, will be a member of the Adult Conference faculty. The Adult, Clergy, and College Conference will meet July 13-27. The first two groups will be under the general direction of the Rt. Rev. John L. Jackson, D. D., bishop of Louisiana, and the clergy school will be directed by the Rev. B. Duvall Chambers, Columbia, South Carolina.

The Junior Conference for boys and girls 12-14 years of age will be held June 15-28 under the direction of the Rev. R. Emmet Gribbin, Jr., Chapel Hill.

The Rev. John A. Pinckney, Clemson, South Carolina, and supervisor of Kanuga, will be in charge of the Young People's Conference which meets June 29-July 12.

The Provincial Youth Convention will meet at Kanuga Lake July 27-August 3. It will be under the direction of the Rev. Girault Jones, New Orleans, Louisiana, and will be attended by the leaders of the youth of the Province of Sewanee.

At the close of the conference period, the guest season will begin. The dates for the guest season are July 28-August 31. In connection with the guest period, the Kanuga Boys Camp is operated at the camp site by Burchill R. Moore.

SOUTHERN RURAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL TO BE HELD AT VALLE CRUCIS

Plans to hold a Southern Rural Church Leadership School at Valle Crucis from June 22 through August 2 have been announced by the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin, chairman of the department of missions and church extension of the diocese of Western North Carolina.

Mr. Morgan said the Province of Sewanee, which is composed of dioceses in the southeastern states, also will hold its Annual Rural Clergy Conference at Valle Crucis from July 29 through August 9. Plans for the school were completed at the Episcopal session of the Southern Mountain Workers' conference at St. John's church, Knoxville, Tenn., on March 7 and 8.

Mr. Morgan will be director of the school, which is sponsored by the Province, the diocese of Western North Carolina and the National Council of the Episcopal Church as well as the Episcopal Mountain Workers' conference.

The staff will include Professor Ralph Felton of Drew University, Miss Maude Cutler, director of religious education of the diocese of Southern Virginia, the Rev. C. L. Samuelson, associate secretary of the division of domestic missions of the National Council, the Rev. Wilbur C. Leach of Valle Crucis and others to be selected.

The schedule of the school included a week of orientation, four weeks of actual work in the field under expert supervision and a week of evaluation.

It is expected that among the students there will be returned chaplains, theological students and women church workers.

At the recent annual meeting of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan of Franklin, N. C., was elected a member of the Executive Committee for a term of three years.

Dr. Wetmore at Lincolnton

By Father Sill

(Continued from Last Issue)

The following excerpt is from the resolutions of the vestry after the death of their beloved pastor, "we desire to bear witness that in the forty-two years of his pastorate he never slighted his work or failed in his duty. The work he gave himself to do was more than ordinarily falls to the lot of two men, but he did it. The standard of duty that he held was high but he lived up to it, and his whole life was a spotless example of purity and unselfishness."

Dr. Wetmore's work for many years after coming to St. Luke's included teaching in Lincolnton Male Academy, conducted by himself and Prof. H. H. Smith. He was expert as a mathematician, and could read Latin and Greek as fluently as English, and being a practical teacher he would take his students into the fields for lessons in surveying. According to W. L. Sherrill in "Annals of Lincoln County", Dr. Wetmore had a notable influence over many boys who attended this school. "He was a disciplinarian, who ruled by kindness, rarely by coercion". He was of a rugged nature, and could walk many miles, as he did at times when going to and fro in taking services at Mission Churches. He also rode horseback. He walked from Cherryville one Monday morning, ten miles, in time for school opening at 9:00 o'clock. Carrying his ministry to fields outside of Lincolnton; Dr. Wetmore established Missions and built churches, St. Paul's, three miles from town, Our Saviour, one miles, these in farming sections, St. Stephen's, among factory people, and St. Cyprian, for the colored people. I ministered and preached at the Church of Our Saviour afternoon of February 3rd, this year, and can testify to its continued usefulness. Then further a-field our Missionary Rector held services at St. Mark's, Gastonia, starting the work there; St. John's, High Shoals, The Redeemer, Shelby, at Cherryville, and other places.

The work of the Church was central in the fulfillment of Dr. Wetmore's ministry. The whole round of the Christian year, including its saints-days and fast days, was observed. "The Lord's own Service, the Holy Communion, always held its rightful position of primacy at St. Luke's thruout the years that Dr. Wetmore served the parish as priest", as one who knew, has written. Baptisms were always administered at a public service. The church was always open thruout the day. There were eucharistic lights and the eucharistic vestments were worn. Manuals of Devotion were given to communicants as aids to prayer. Dr. Wetmore was a true pastor of souls. He established the Sunrise Easter Service in 1865, continued to this day, "the whole town joining in the procession, preceded by crucifer." A most joyful occasion for him was the consecration in 1886 of the new St. Luke's, the tower and spire of the old structure being retained.

Among those influenced by him to enter the ministry are the Reverends B. M. Lackey, and N. C. Duncan, of our Diocese.

Dr. Wetmore and the Reverend James A. Weston, of Hickory, wrote a valuable historical sketch of the Church in the part of North Carolina that formed the Missionary Jurisdiction of Asheville, this being done by a resolution offered at the first convention of the Jurisdiction.

WHITE HOUSE OBSERVING LENT

The White House took its mail from Church people so seriously that Mrs. Truman closed the White House social season on March 6th to observe Lent. The First Lady, an Episcopalian, will give no official parties during Lent.

Be what you want other people to be—but be it first!

Question Box

By the Rev. J. P. Burke

How does General Convention function and what are some of the issue to be considered at the meeting in Philadelphia?

General Convention, like all large legislative bodies, functions almost entirely through departments, committees, and commissions. A Joint Committee is one composed of members of the two Houses of General Convention. A Joint Commission includes not only members of the two Houses but members chosen at large. Either the House of Bishops or the House of Deputies may originate or propose legislation, but, all acts of the Convention must be adopted and authenticated by both Houses. Freedom of debate is allowed in all deliberations.

Exactly forty Joint Committees and Commissions are expected to report to the Convention in Philadelphia. Their titles run from A to U; from Architecture to Unity. Doubtless, the reports of the Commissions on Holy Matrimony and Approaches to Unity will arouse the widest attention and concern. This does not imply, however, that the other reports are not important. Other outstanding commission reports will be those on Army and Navy, Placement of Clergy, Social Insurance for Lay Employees. There are two important Joint Committee reports on the Presiding Bishop: one concerning his Status and Work; one concerning the Matter of a See. Of course, the convention will have to give serious thought and probably much discussion to such matters as world conditions, peace and war, reconstruction and advance.

Note that the commission on unity is called the Commission on *Approaches* to Unity. At Cleveland the Commission reported not only on the approach to the Presbyterians, but also on relations of the Commission with the Methodist Church and the Reformed Episcopal Church. In both the Minority and

Majority reports of the Commission, however, resolutions were introduced to the effect that no commitments looking toward organic unity should be made until they had been submitted to the Lambeth Conference. It is not likely, therefore, that any definite commitment will be made at the coming Convention.

CLAIR LEAVES TRYON

The Rev. J. R. Clair has resigned as rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Tryon, effective March 31. After a rectorate of exactly three years here, Mr. Clair has accepted a call to become rector of Emmanuel Church, Corry, Pennsylvania, in the Diocese of Erie.

Mr. Clair was rector of St. Mark's Church, Syracuse, for twelve years before coming to the diocese. Previously, he was rector of All Saints', Williamsport, Pa., for nearly four years.

Originally from Camden, New Jersey, Mr. Clair attended Drexel Institute, in Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia Divinity School, where he was graduated cum laude.

In 1945, Holy Cross Church raised more than \$16,000 for a new organ. For the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, \$2,200 has been raised under Mr. Clair's leadership.

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL HONORS STATE

The Washington Cathedral honored North Carolina, the twelfth state to enter the Union, at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, March 24. The State flag was carried in procession, and special prayers were offered for the Governor and people of the state.

Each week the Cathedral honors one of the 48 states at its Sunday service. North Carolina, as the 12th state, becomes the twelfth thus to be honored in 1946.

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the Construction Gang,
And not the Wrecking Crew.

Women's Auxiliary News

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary met at St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, Tuesday, March 12, with 18 members present. Plans were completed for the Spring District meetings, and also for the annual meeting at Lake Kanuga, June 6th and 7th. The Spring District meeting will be held the first week in April. The dates and places of meeting are as follows: First District—Highlands, on April 5th; Second District—Brevard, April 4th; Third District—Lenoir, April 2; Fourth District—Gastonia, April 3rd; Fifth District—Franklin, April 7th. Mrs. W. A. Gordon of Spray, North Carolina, will be the inspirational speaker at all of the meetings.

The two principal speakers at the Annual Meeting at Kanuga in June will be Mrs. Francis Clarkson, of Charlotte, N. C., who will speak on June 6th in the evening, on the subject of "The Federal Council of Churches", and Miss Edna B. Beardsley, from the National Council in New York, one of the Auxiliary's National officers. She will speak on "The United Thank Offering" on the morning of June 7.

The offering taken at each of the district meetings will be given to the Bishop Payne Divinity School.

ST. MARY'S RECEIVES GIFT

The St. Mary's Centennial Fund has received a gift of \$40,000 from Roger Gant, a member of the Church of the Holy Cross, Burlington, N. C., Bishop Edwin A. Penick, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has announced. This gift is larger than any other single gift so far contributed to the Centennial Fund of St. Mary's.

Making a living doesn't always mean making a life.

MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM PLANNED FOR CHRIST SCHOOL

Final plans are being made for the construction of a memorial gymnasium for Christ School at Arden. After much delay, caused by the urgency of vital war work, Mr. Earl Stilwell, who has done all of the architectural work for the other buildings on the campus, is proceeding with this work for Christ School. The new building is to be located about where the work shop is now situated. Since this will require the removal of the shop and laundry, provision will be made to house them in a section of the basement floor.

"The Christ School News" devoted its March issue to a tribute to the founder, the Reverend Thomas C. Wetmore; the leader, the Reverend Reuben R. Harris; and the builder, Mr. David Page Harris. "Mr. Dave" has now been connected with Christ School for 25 years, 13 of which have been spent as Headmaster. During his time, Mr. Dave has achieved a number of improvements on the campus and has been honored with the Chairmanship of many committees pertaining to the operation of the School.

Following is a quotation from the Christ School News:

"Three great men have influenced and shaped the destiny of Christ School: The Reverend Thomas Wetmore, Father Reuben R. Harris, and Mr. Dave P. Harris. Each man's personality and character was typical of the three phases through which Christ School has passed. Father Wetmore founded the school; Father Harris established the religious element so prevalent in the school today as well as established a firm foundation; Mr. Harris has built the school, and shaped it into a modern, well respected school."

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Young Churchmen

PROVINCIAL YOUNG CHURCHMEN MEET

On Friday, February 9, representatives of the Young Churchmen in the Province of Sewanee met in Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Helen Thomas, of Gastonia, represented Western North Carolina. The meeting was held to plan the summer meeting at Lake Kanuga and to formulate plans for the National Council meeting. Reports were given from each Diocese. A banquet was held at St. Paul's Church, Atlanta, for the delegates on Saturday evening, and a corporate communion was held Sunday morning before adjournment.

YOUTH GROUP AT BESSEMER CITY

On the fourth Sunday in November, Miss Helen Thomas, president of the Young Churchmen of Western North Carolina, addressed the congregation at Bessemer City on the purpose of youth work. Following, the young people met with her to hear about the formation of a youth group. The next Sunday Miss Thomas met again with the young people, at which time a young people's group was formally organized. Those elected were Miss Levonne Carpenter as president, Mr. Bill Harmon as vice-president, and Miss Willodene Hook as secretary and treasurer. On the second Sunday in December the first meeting was held with 14 young people present. Regular meetings are being held the second Sunday of each month. The counselor is Mrs. Houston Godfrey.

DISTRICT YOUTH MEETING AT PATTERSON

Young people from District 4 of the Young Churchmen met on Sunday, February 17, at Patterson School. Miss Betsy Barber, president of the District, presided. Miss Rebekah Moose opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee gave a talk on his early career in the church, and Capt. Estabrook spoke on the work of the Church's Army. At the business session, Miss Helen Thomas spoke on the Patterson School fund, and told of the work being done in her district.

About 100 young people from Boone, Patterson School, Valle Crucis, Lenoir, Wilkesboro, attended. Each group reported on its activities, and the following district officers were elected: Chairman, Miss Betsy Barber, Wilkesboro; secretary, Miss Mary Lou Zook, Lenoir; counselor, Mrs. G. K. Moon, Boone.

After the meeting, a delightful supper was served by the Patterson School.

The United Youth offering, taken by the Young Churchmen of the whole church last October, amounted to \$11,880 up to the end of January, according to the National Council.

A LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Young People:

I hope by now all of you have heard about the new Chapel that is being built at Patterson School. Since Patterson is now our official Diocesan Camp, and we plan to go there every year, it is only right that we contribute toward the Chapel. Your District Chairmen have already been notified, and it is hoped that they have told each of you about this. Please try to raise all you can toward the offering, and send it to your district chairman, who will send it to me, or send it direct to me yourself. This offering will be presented to Patterson School at a special ceremony at the Camp this summer.

You will be happy to learn that the Camp will be held the week of June 9th. Please make your reservations as early as possible. Registration blanks will be found elsewhere in this paper.

Don't forget the nationwide Corpor ate Communion of Youth on May 19!

Sincerely yours,
Helen Thomas.

NEW AGRICULTURAL-VOCATIONAL BUILDING PLANNED FOR PATTERSON SCHOOL

Mr. George F. Wiese, superintendent of Patterson School, has announced plans for the construction of an Agricultural-Vocational building to be added as soon as possible to the campus of Patterson School. It is to be dedicated to God for the teaching of Agricultural and Vocational training and industrial arts. The inadequacy of the present school building, along with the increase in the student body and plans for further growth, make the need for this building urgent. Mr. Samuel L. Patterson, founder of the school and North Carolina's first elected Commissioner of Agriculture, saw the importance of an agricultural and vocational school, and gave his 1,300 acre estate for that purpose.

Plans have been drawn for the proposed building, which is to contain an industrial arts shop for wood and metal work, mechanical drawing room, agriculture and science library, and class rooms. It is to be constructed of rock veneer on tile walls. The estimated cost, according to Mr. Wiese is \$60,000.

This building is in addition to the new Chapel, plans for which are already well under way.

Mr. Wiese stated that he is depending

upon the prayers and contributions of Church people in the Diocese in these important and worthwhile projects, so that Patterson School may better develop our young people into Christian citizens and leaders.

CALVARY PLANS NEW PARISH HOUSE

Calvary Church, Fletcher, recently received from one of its members a gift of one thousand dollars as a memorial to a member of the donor's family. This money is to be used to start a fund to build a new parish house, which is very much needed. Other activities are being planned to raise further funds, and it is hoped that this improvement in the property will be under construction in the near future.

The rector of Calvary Church, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, conducted a six-day mission the first week in Lent at Fassifern School for Girls at Hendersonville. The subject of his sermons was "An Individual Soul Searching for God". Personal counselling, and discussion after each session made the week's mission of great help to all. Students and faculty have since shown their appreciation and interest by hiring a bus to attend in a body the eleven o'clock service at Calvary.

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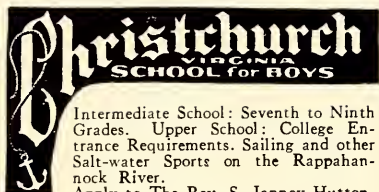
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items of great interest there are sever-
al books which once belonged to Bishop
Thomas Atkinson. As might have been
expected, many treasures came to light
as these books were examined, the
library reports. One of the most not-
able so far is Volume 3 of Thomas Say's
"American Entomology, or Description
of the Insects of North America", Phila-
delphia, 1824.

Volumes 1 and 2 of this set were al-
ready in the library, but the third vol-
ume was missing up to this time. Thom-
as Say (1787-1834) has been called "the
father of descriptive entomology in
America". A Quaker, born in Philadel-
phia, his works are beautifully illustrat-
ed by his own skillful and artistic hands.
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QUESTIONS

By the Rev. Mark Jenkins

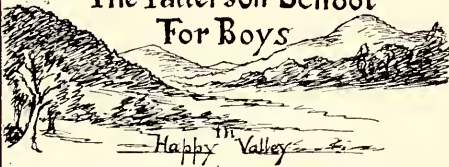
I can not say how widely practiced is the custom of answering, from the pulpit, questions asked by people the Clergyman contacts in his daily rounds in his parish and community. I do know that non-Episcopalians have many questions about the Episcopal Church, its ministry, teachings, worship and discipline. I also know that church members, some life-long, others of more recent membership, have innumerable unanswered questions about their Church and its teachings. They expect, and rightly so, that their Minister, trained for years in all these things, can and will answer such questions. Most of the clergy are eager and happy indeed to do this. But the opportunities for asking or receiving answers to questions is so limited in this age of hurry and haste. The old hour-long sermon for detailed instruction is a thing of the past (did I hear you say, thank goodness?). Pastoral calls are short and usually contact a very small percentage of the family group per visit. Meetings at other times between parson and layman are hasty affairs and not conducive to questioning or satisfactory answering.

There are other proofs, besides my own experience, that questions need to be asked, and reasonable answers are expected. Many books and pamphlets of questions and answers are being published today and are popular sellers. Magazines, including our own Church papers, run columns of questions and answers. All these efforts are based on the fact that people want to know things, and right answers should be given to these inquiries, answers that will lead not to careless thinking, but, rather, lead the questioner on to further knowledge and study.

Some six or eight times per year for the past fifteen years I have, at announcement time in public services, asked anyone having a question to write it on a piece of paper and give it to me, or put it in the mail, or else wait a

moment after the service and ask personally for the information sought. Some twenty to fifty questions have been asked per year and when these are combined and edited there are enough to use up to four or five sermon periods for answering. This method of instruction brings wanted information at the time it is most wanted, instead of waiting to get it years hence by way of a sermon. But why wait? Ask *now* about those things that will help you grow in knowledge and Christian living.

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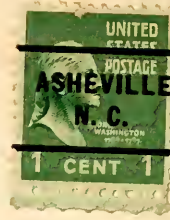
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RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE FUND

Early and incomplete reports on the Reconstruction and Advance Fund in Western North Carolina indicate that the church people of this Diocese are determined that the Church shall do its share toward building a better world following the war. Wherever the congregations have been told the story and given an opportunity to participate, they have responded generously to the call upon them to help our Church meet its opportunities in the reconstruction of the work of the Church in war-torn countries, and advancing its work throughout the world.

Mr. W. H. Stewart, Diocesan Chairman, announced that the total of special gifts thus far received is \$13,751.00. Only nine parishes and missions have

reported on the general collection with a total of \$1,230.00.

It is hoped that reports on the general collection will be made to the Treasurer of the Diocese, Mr. William Redwood, as soon as possible.

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General Convention Year

General Convention unfortunately has a way of backing up into the placid pools of diocesan life and muddying the waters.

This is a General Convention year. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. There are, as always, some matters to come up in General Convention on which there is a very wide difference of opinion. A glorious opportunity therefore arises for alarmists and prophets of doom to predict dire things, if General Convention does not act as they think it should.

So in regard to the election of deputies to General Convention. If we are informed as to the issues, we wish that they would vote this way or that way. Some dioceses are so short-sighted as to instruct their deputies how to vote. All such thinking misses the main issue which is this. Who are the four priests and four laymen in this diocese with the best minds who are well posted on what subjects will arise and who can be trusted to listen to and perhaps (although

that is not so important) take part in the debates and then seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit before voting? Surely this is far more important than the reasons sometimes given for electing deputies—service to the diocese in other capacities, youth, age, the fact that he has “never been”, or just that he is a good guy.

Sharing

To add our word to all that has been written regarding famine conditions in Europe would be superfluous, were it not that the beauty of unfolding Spring in Western North Carolina reminds us that we are a privileged people, who have the opportunity at first hand to know God in His Holiness and Beauty through the works of His hands.

We as Christians would like to share this beauty with all men upon earth. However the times demand that we share something far more fundamental—our daily bread. Long before the war ended THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN maintained that it was a far nobler form of self-denial to share food with the starving than even with our own sons on the firing-line. We hope that in so stressing we made some converts. At all events the practical thing for us to do is to lift up our voice in favor of the return of involuntary food rationing, for the picture of Americans growing fat while Europe and Asia starve is not a noble one. As Christians we should want a return to rationing, and we can have it if we demand it. What Congressman could be re-elected if he refused to heed the wishes of his constituency in a matter as vital as this?

Convention

We appreciate the action of the Executive Council in restoring a two-day Diocesan Convention. We realize that this is a controversial matter and that there are some who feel that one day is sufficient. However here as in other matters we should not succumb to making normal what had to be en-



May, 1946

To the Young People of the Diocese of Western North Carolina:

It is pleasing to me to be asked by the Young People to have a part in the Youth Issue.

We learn by doing. The young people will learn a great deal in this important venture. Sometimes when we try to fulfill what is ordinarily another's responsibility, we have an added appreciation of what the other does for us. Getting out this one issue will help the young people to understand what the Editor of the *HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN* does so regularly and so acceptably.

I believe that the Diocese of Western North Carolina as a whole will approve, when all know about the needs, the project the young people have in securing funds for the erection of a Chapel at the Patterson School. I heartily commend the effort.

So often the statement is heard, "The Youth of today is the Church of tomorrow." The Church is urged to work for youth so that the future of the Church will be guaranteed. It seems to me that the Church should strive to see that all of her members have the appropriate training and experience for whatever age they are. If a child grows up without learning certain things and acquiring skills more easily obtained then than later, he is handicapped for the rest of his life. If a wisdom tooth does not erupt at the proper time, it is apt to cause trouble later. The "teen-ager" needs the worship and work of the Church for his full development at that time of life, and for entering into the fullness of mature age. "More power to you!"

Sincerely your friend,
Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop.

dured owing to war-time necessity—undoubtedly war time stringency taught us to curb some extravagances permanently, but it is not universally true that all economies and readjustments made in wartime should be maintained permanently. In fact many of us are disturbed because in several phases of life and activity people are assuming that what was cheerfully endured during the

war can be offered people now, thus reducing the necessity for painstaking service.

So without wishing to crow over the one-day Convention advocates, we wish to express our gratification that at All Souls on May 13 and 14 we can at least take time to be thorough and we hope time to be Holy.



Capers Named Rector At Tryon

The Rev. William T. Capers, Jr., who has been rector pro tem of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, S. C., since 1943, has accepted the rectorship of the Church of the Holy Cross in Tryon, beginning June 9.

Mr. Capers' father was Bishop of West Texas, while his grandfather was Bishop of South Carolina. He himself was born in Sumter, S. C., and was graduated from the Theological Seminary of Virginia in 1927. He was vicar of St. Paul's Church, San Antonio, Texas, from 1927 to 1929, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Okmulgee, Okla., 1929-32; rector of St. Stephen's, Terre Haute, Ind., 1932-40, and rector of St. Bartholomew's, White Plains, N. Y., from 1940 until early 1942 when illness caused him to resign there.

Mr. Capers' father was rector of Trinity Church, Asheville, from 1903-05.

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the Construction Gang,
And not the Wrecking Crew.

Annual Convention of Diocese Meets May 14-15

The 24th annual convention of the Diocese will be held at All Souls Church, Biltmore, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14 and 15, it has been announced by Bishop Gribbin.

The convention will open at 10:30 a. m. on Tuesday. On Tuesday evening, there will be a special service, at which the heads of the various Diocesan schools will speak.

DISTRICT IV MEETS

A fine group attended the District Youth Rally at the Church of Our Savior, Woodside, on April 10. Twenty-two young people, two counselors, and two clergymen were present, from Gastonia, Bessemer City, Lincolnton, and Woodside. The program was opened with games and songs, followed by a report on youth work in the Province, and the offering for the Chapel at Patterson School by Miss Helen Thomas, Diocesan president of youth. The Rev. Grant Folmsbee talked on opportunities for young people to become missionaries, nurses, religious education workers, etc., and presented a review of materials for weekly meetings. The schedules for conferences at Kanuga and Patterson School were discussed. After a picnic style supper in the Parish Hall, Mrs. Jack Ramseur, Lincolnton youth leader, spoke on the words of Jesus, "Come unto Me" and "Go into all the world". A candlelight ceremony was held at the conclusion of the service in the church. Candles were lighted from the large altar candle representing Christ, the Light of the World, by the leaders and counselors of youth, who in turn lighted the candles of all the young people present. All then repeated a pledge, "to let their lights shine to the glory of God". A special guest was the Rev. Oscar Randolph, D. D., from Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Hubert Auton of Woodside was in charge of arrangements.

DICTRICT III MEETS

District III which consists of Tryon, Brevard, Upward, Edneyville, Bat Cave and Hendersonville, had a meeting at the Parish House in Hendersonville. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Ted Freeman, Secretary, and approved. The business of nominating and electing a new Adult Advisor was taken up first. Mrs. M. A. Hatch was elected. The next business was the Corporate Communion Service at Easter. The main business of the evening was the contribution to Patterson School Chapel Fund. It was voted and passed that a party be held, and a committee was drawn up to make the plans. Margie Major, Chairman; Mary Turner, Co-chairman; Eileen Staton, Peggy Freeman, Denny Justus and Junior Pace. There were about thirty young people present although Brevard and Tryon was not represented. The Woman's Auxiliary served a buffet supper for the meeting after which group singing took place.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON

The Young People's Service League of Grace Church, Morganton, has been working to earn money for the Patterson School Fund. On March 23rd they picked and sold daffodils. The money which they earned will go to this fund. Recently new officers and group leaders were elected. Fuller Chaffee was elected president; Mary Aston Leavell, vice-president; Clara Kate Boggs, secretary; and Mary Murphy Boggs, leader of the younger group.

In December the Junior Altar Guild dressed dolls and sold them at a bazaar held by the Women's Auxiliary. The \$4.50 which they made will go to the Patterson School Fund also.

PRESENTATION SERVICE AT CALVARY CHURCH

The Presentation Service for the Lenten Offering of the Convocation of Asheville will be held at Calvary Church, Fletcher, on May 5, at 3 P. M.

HENDERSONVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People of St. James have been having a study course as their Sunday night program. The material was used from what was sent by "281". Outside the regular meetings we have had a Feast of Lights pageant given the First Sunday in Epiphany. This was under the direction of the Rev. James P. Burke and Mrs. M. A. Hatch. All the young people took part in this pageant. The last few weeks have been busy ones at St. James' Parish House, the men of the church cleaning up the yard, the women sewing curtains and the young people washing windows and dusting. It was lots of fun and the Parish House now has sanded floors; two rooms have been recently added for the church school. Two new rugs have been donated for the newly sanded floors.

Holy Week found practically all young people at each evening service and many sang in the choir.

On Easter Morning every one rose bright and early so we could get up to Echo Inn by 6:30 a. m. to see the sun rise and hear the band play and High School Glee Club sing beautiful Easter Hymns. All the churches in town took part in the service and it was very inspiring. This is the first year all the churches have joined in this service.

Plans have been made for a party to raise money for the Chapel at Patterson School. If the plans are carried out, we will have a grand time and make some money toward our goal. This money will be presented next month at Patterson School.

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ST. LUKE'S SUNRISE SERVICE

By the Rev. Grant Folmsbee

For the eighty-first Easter Day in succession the people of this community— young and old alike—will unite again this year with the congregation of St. Luke's Church-in-Lincolnton in their annual Sunrise Service. Several memorial gifts* will be received and blessed at this service, to be held at 5:15 A. M. (*White burse and veil to match Eucharistic Vestments; Supplies for the Altar for this year.) And in memory of all the faithful departed who during the last eighty-one years have marched in this procession on Easter Day, the Rector will wear an ancient Cope which has been entrusted temporarily to the custody of the Altar Guild. A Cope is a semi-circular vestment worn like a cloak at solemn functions, and in procession. The one to be used at St. Luke's is of apricot silk damask, heavily embroidered with flowers, and lined with magenta silk. It was made in Italy nearly three hundred years ago and was brought to North America before the parish of St. Luke's was founded more than one hundred years ago.

Adding to the solemnity of the procession this year will be the processional candlesticks carried by servers on either side of the Cross, and given by a member of the congregation in memory of two heroes who gave their lives in the recent war, Kirk McBee, U.S.N., who lost his life in the Pearl Harbor disaster, and Capt. Wilson Glover, Jr., of the Army Air Corps, who was taken prisoner at Bataan and was killed when the prison ship taking him from the Philippines to Japan was sunk.

The first Sunrise Service in which the people of this community united before the Altar of St. Luke's Church was held on Easter Day 1865. In that year Easter came on April 16. President Lincoln lay dead in the White House. He had been assassinated on the evening of the preceding Good Friday, and died at seven o'clock the following morning—Easter Eve. The service was inaugurated by the then Rector of St. Luke's, the Rev. William R. Wetmore,



WM. M. REDWOOD RETIRES

Mr. William Morris Redwood retired on April 1st as vice-president of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Asheville. Born in King William county, Virginia, Mr. Redwood was one of the organizers of the bank in 1922. Mr. Redwood is a member of Trinity Church, where he has served for years as a member of the vestry. For the past 22 years he has served ably and faithfully as Treasurer of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

While he is retiring from active work as an officer of the bank, Mr. Redwood will continue to serve on its board of directors. After a vacation, he expects to follow a much more leisurely routine in looking after his remaining personal and business interests.

D.D., and has been held every Easter since. Dr. Wetmore came to Lincolnton as Deacon-in-Charge in 1862, and was Rector from his ordination to the Priesthood later that year until he died just before Easter in 1904. A cross erected to his memory by the congregation stands near the Church he served so long and so devotedly.

Camp Forecast

By Rev. C. G. Leavell, Director

The Diocesan Youth Camp should be just as good this year as it was the last two years. We hope it may be a little better; it can and will be if we who are there at Patterson School make it so. The dates are, as indicated elsewhere, from Sunday June 9th, beginning about 5:00 P. M., to Saturday, June 15th, after breakfast.

Although I have heard of a number of old-timers who are planning to return this year, thus far we have received very few applications. Apparently nobody will take us seriously until within a few days of camp, at which time applications come pouring in, and many have to be turned away. One week after this issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN comes out we plan to open registrations to any young people, properly certified by the nearest Episcopal clergyman, thirteen years of age and under twenty-five years of age. Up to that time we shall accept only the registrations of Episcopalians or bona

fide members of young people's service leagues within the Diocese of Western North Carolina, 13 to 25 years of age. The cost this year is one dollar more than it has been the last two years, being raised from six to seven dollars, \$1.00 of which is the registration fee. This is still within the reach of most pocket-books these days. The age limit has been raised this year from twelve to thirteen.

Amongst the staff already definitely lined up there is only one who is really new to Camp, Miss Virginia Howell, of Grace Church, Morganton, who will serve as counsellor to the girls along with Miss Patricia Page, soon-to-be graduate of Windham House, New York City, and Mrs. J. B. Craven, Jr., of Grace Church, Morganton, visitor to camp several times in 1944. We hope Miss Jane Turner, of St. James', Hendersonville, will also return.

We are quite proud of the fact that Bishop Gribbin is to be back with us
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National Youth Commission Reports

The National Youth Commission annual session at Orleton Farms, Ohio, in February announced several outstanding plans for the year 1946-1947. Perhaps the most significant of these is the decision to allot the United Youth Offering, to be received on Youth Sunday, October 20, to scholarship aid for Japanese young people preparing for Christian work. This offering will enable some native Japanese young people to train for the ministry or for lay positions in the Church. The number to be trained will depend upon the size of the offering.

Another important step was the decision to publish a booklet for personal use designed for all young people of the Church between the ages of 14 and 25 who belong to various youth organizations as well as for those who live in isolated areas. The booklet will be based on the Rule of Life and will be closely integrated with the year's program.

In addition to the booklet for personal use and the observance of Youth Sunday with the United Youth Offering, the following "majors" are listed in the year's program: a study of Christian Stewardship in November, the Feast of Lights during Epiphany, and a Nationwide Corporate Communion of young people in April.

Elected to serve as 1946-1947 officers of the Commission were Miss Betty Street of Oxford, Ohio, Chairman, and Miss Priscilla Hannah of Pasadena, California, Secretary.

The Commission made some of the preliminary arrangements for the National Youth Convention to be held in Philadelphia, September 14 and 15. This will coincide with the General Convention. Each Diocese and Missionary District has been asked to send one adult and two young people as their delegates to the Youth Convention.

The maroon and silver shield pin, the

insignia of the United Movement of the Church's Youth, is again available. These pins may be secured from the Division of Youth, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., for 25 cents each in any quantity. Orders are already coming in from those who plan to distribute these attractive pins at spring conventions and summer conferences.

MRS. A. P. MACK TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Albert P. Mack, wife of the Rev. Albert P. Mack, rector of St. John's Church, Marion, died Tuesday, April 23, following a brief illness.

Funeral services were held at St. John's on Friday, April 26. The Rev. David N. Peoples, of Bluffton, S. C., celebrated the Requiem, assisted by Brother Thomas. The Rev. Peter Lambert, of Penland, conducted the Burial Office, and Bishop Gribbin officiated at the grave.

Mrs. Mack was a native of Leavenworth, Kansas. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Edwin Van Tuyl Mack, of Charlotte, and her mother, Mrs. Lou Van Tuyl, of Marion.

MOVIES FOR VALLE CRUCIS

The Chapel of the Cross, Valle Crucis, has recently purchased a Slide Projector for use in religious instruction. They also have ordered a 16 mm. sound projector. It is planned to have movies each Saturday night in the grammar school building in order to pay for the projector. The slide projector has already been paid for through thank offerings.

The Rev. Wilbur C. Leach said it is hoped that the projectors will be useful in entertaining the community and presenting educational topics as well as for religious instruction. In this way, the church may become a center for the community.

Don't forget the nationwide Corporate Communion of Youth on May 19!

The Spirit of Patterson School

By George F. Wiese

The spiritual life of the students seemed most outstanding this year. Ordinarily it is thought of as the Spirit of the School because it is founded upon the inspiration gained in Chapel and the fellowship enjoyed in our every day life.

The choir is to be congratulated upon its splendid service. I have been encouraged by the response of the boys when called upon to help in the Reconstruction and Advance Fund offering. They certainly measured up. Daily voluntary evening Family Prayers led by Sister Hetherington and others have proved successful. Sister Hetherington (of Church Army) also introduced the Order of Sir Galahad, which challenged the imagination of the boys and stimulated plenty of action. Six faithful servers assisted Mr. Lackey at the Friday morning services of the Holy Communion as their week for chapel duty rolled around.

Many minor improvements have been made in the past school year but the most outstanding are the laying of cement sidewalks, building roads and clearing waste or idle lands for the campus. Old buildings are disappearing as new ones are being constructed. The blacksmith shop, machine shop, and machine shed are well enough along for use, so we can say, "Well done, good and faithful servants" to the old outworn buildings as we wreck them.

Because of the work we have seen it do in leveling banks, removing trees and stumps, cutting roads, etc., we think of a bull-dozer as a powerful machine which makes the mountains stand aside or performs any other difficult task which can be done with tractor and a large blade controlled by a few levers. Mr. Hawkins thought out and made a bull-dozer for the small B Allis Chalmers farm tractor. Because of its size, we call it a calf-dozer. It is surely remarkable for the work it can do.

For nine years we have worked toward an athletic field which is finally materializing. The field, which is 600 feet long and 320 feet wide, is in perfect condition. We now can have a standard one quarter mile track, a football field, and a baseball diamond. The boys are doing very well in baseball. They closed the basketball season after winning nine games and losing four.

Tree planting and thinning to permit proper development of forest trees on our property was done with much enthusiasm. A recent demonstration on cutting pulp wood, the proper spacing of trees to be grown for timber and the use of tools, was given by Mr. Graiber, the North Carolina Extension Forester, assisted by the State Forester and County Agent.

Moving pictures were shown on several occasions by both Federal and State Foresters for the entire student body to organize Fire Fighting crews and to teach them the value of our forests.

If you have not received the last Patterson School News, "Greater Camp Patterson" number, you should send for it. We are making every effort to establish a permanent and adequate camp site for the Diocesan Youth Camp, Grange Camp, 4 H Club and other farm organizations. The Diocesan Young People's Camp this year will be from June 9 to 15; the State Grange Youth Camp from June 25 to 30. We are looking forward to two successful camp periods and to greater things when we can offer the added facilities planned. The camp of the future will depend upon you, just as our school depends upon its many friends who remember us in their prayers and giving. I have faith in God and you which assures me that all of us will do our part in establishing Camp Patterson for greater service to the youth of our Church and the rural South.

ST. JOHN'S, UPWARD

The Young People's League at St. John's Church, Upward, reorganized February 23.

President, Dennis Justus; Vice President, Guy Pace; Secretary, Sarah Justus; Treasurer, Jeanette Anderson.

We meet every Saturday night. After the devotionals we play games. Our study Program has been "The Meaning of Baptism" "What is the Church", "The Creed", "The Lord's Prayer" and study of "The Seven Deadly Sins".

We are planning with St. James, Hendersonville, and Transfiguration, Bat Cave, to raise money for Patterson School. We are hoping that some will get to the Camp at Patterson School this summer.

NEW WINDOWS AT FLETCHER

Two stained glass windows have been ordered from the Henry Keck Studios in Syracuse, N. Y., for the Chancel of Calvary Church, Fletcher, N. C. All the beautiful windows of the original Church were destroyed in the fire which razed the structure in 1935. When the church was rebuilt and dedicated in 1938, only the large windows in the west end were replaced with stained glass.

Recently two different persons came to the Rector, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, and each offered to give a window. The subjects of these windows are: "The Crucifixion" which will be placed on the Gospel side of the Altar, and "The Resurrection" which will be placed on the Epistle side. The windows will be installed in the late summer.

A splendid wine-red carpet has been placed in the chancel and sanctuary of the Church of Our Savior, Woodside, through the efforts of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary of that mission. They have made vestments for the choir, which joined the choir of St. Luke's Church for the Sunrise Service on Easter Day.

Question Box

By the Rev. J. P. Burke

Why does our Parish have to pay an assessment? How is the amount determined?

Our Diocese is an Household of Parishes and Missions. The Assessment is a share of joint expenses. Each Parish and Mission, therefore, is expected to share in the housekeeping expenses of the Diocese by paying an Assessment. You will find an analysis of the Diocesan Expense Fund on page 60 of your last year's Journal. Some of the items are: Bishop's Office Expense, and Travel, Provincial Assessment, Salary Diocesan Secretary, Treasurer's Office Expense, Printing of the Journal, expenses of Departments, and, some Clergy Travel Expense.

The canon law of the Diocese requires it. Parishes and Missions which do not pay their Assessments in full "shall not be entitled to participate and vote by its (their) delegates in the proceedings of the Convention, except, "that upon favorable recommendation by the Department of Finance the Convention may seat delegates from such Parishes and Missions" . . . Failure to pay reasonable Assessments" is given as one cause for which a Parish may be suspended.

Our canon law states that the Executive Council is empowered to make these Assessments "according to the several abilities of the Parishes and Missions." The Finance Committee fixes the amounts, and, after they are approved by the Executive Council, your Parish is notified of its share. This share is largely determined by the amount your Parish is able to pay for its own housekeeping.

BISHOP MATTHEWS AT HENDERSONVILLE

Bishop Paul Matthews, retired, of Princeton, New Jersey, preached at St. James' Church, Hendersonville, on Good Friday for the Three Hour Service. Bishop Matthews has a summer home at Bat Cave. An excellent attendance was reported.

The Rev. Milnor Jones

By Father Sill

The Church in the western part of North Carolina continued to grow in some of our towns after Civil War days, and "Mission" congregations were established in some outlying places. This was during Bishop Atkinson's time (the third bishop of the diocese of N. C.) It was about the time that Bishop Syman, who had been assistant bishop, succeeded Bishop Atkinson (in 1881), that a missionary, an ordained deacon, one Milnor Jones, began to preach the Gospel in Polk County, unexplored as yet by the Episcopal Church. If anyone deserves the name of Evangelist, he surely does. After being trained for the ministry at the Sewanee Theological School, and ordained deacon in 1876 by Bishop Howe, of South Carolina, he gave himself to the preaching of the Gospel. As his father was in charge of the Church at Glenn Springs, S. C., he assisted him for two or three years, and then became rector of the Church of The Advent, Spartanburg, S. C., nearby, but only for a year or so. He continued for a year and more longer, however, to hold services and preach at places where he had begun to minister while rector of The Advent. This he did on week nights. Mr. Jones did not fit into the organized work of parish life. His forte was in gathering groups of people together, preaching to them the word of Salvation, and administering baptism in the name of The Lord Jesus. He also brought many to receive confirmation, and started a number of Sunday Schools.

So the need for the Gospel in Tryon and adjoining country called him over the South Carolina border. He began the work of what is now Holy Cross Parish, Tryon, building a Church there, and spread his labors on weekdays, as well as Sundays, over the countryside. Tryon, Mill's Spring, The Cross Roads, Huggin's School House, Riverside, Green River Cove, The Ridge, Weston's Saw Mill were regular preaching sta-

tions. Occasionally, he preached elsewhere, as at "The Block House Distillery" and "The summit of Tryon Mountain". A log church was built at "The Cross Roads". These were days of horseback, buggy, and pole-teams, and we can imagine the roads. Later names were added to his reports to the Diocesan Convention, Bat Cave, Whitesdies, Seagles, among others, which shows that he had gone far a-field.

He labored in Polk and adjoining counties for eight years. It was at this time that Bishop Cheshire, of North Carolina, became acquainted with him. He was not yet a bishop, but the rector of St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, and made an official visit on Deacon Jones. Later, as Bishop, he placed him in charge of the Valle Crucis Mission with Watauga, Mitchell, and Asheville County as a missionary field. The Valle Crucis Mission needed reviving. Mr. Jones pursued the same practices of his ministry as we have referred to, preaching week nights as well as Sundays throughout his field, wherever he could get a hearing, and baptizing and preparing some for confirmation. Bishop Cheshire made visitations in this field. He had high regard for his deacon and a love for him. It is from his reminiscences of him, in pamphlet form, that I have gotten most of my information. It was due to Bishop Cheshire as well as to Mr. Jones that the Mission work at Valle Crucis was re-established, and a Mission House erected in 1896. A parochial school was again started. Rev. Samuel F. Adam followed Mr. Jones in charge there.

Going on to Beaver Creek in Asheville County, Bishop Cheshire's story of his efforts to hold a Service there reveals the hardships of our Church pioneers and some of the characteristics of Mr. Jones' evangelism. The Episcopal Church was unknown to the majority of the people. Certain families, espe-

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CAMP FORECAST

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as is customary, and will teach a course on "The Book of Common Prayer." The Rev. G. Mark Jenkins, Rector of Calvary Church, Fletcher, and Chairman of the Youth Commission, is to serve as Chaplain and Vice-Director. The Rev. Joseph R. Clair, now Rector of Emmanuel Church, Corry, Pennsylvania, is to serve on the faculty, together with the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup, Asheville; the Rev. W. C. Leach, Holy Cross, Valle Crucis; the Rev. Grant Folmsbee, St. Luke's, Lincolnton; and the Rev. Yours Truly, Grace, Morganton.

We plan to have the following subjects: "Christian Personality"; "How to Know the Will of God"; "Church Worship"; "The Art of Prayer"; "The Prayer Book"; "Program Planning"; and a course on general teachings of the Church portrayed through lantern slides. The latter will be for the whole camp. The other courses are electives from which campers are to choose the two which they prefer—or be placed by the Director where he prefers. Please indicate on the back of your registration blank the two courses you should like to take, regardless of what your age might be.

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Women's Auxiliary News

The Five Spring District Meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary were held the first week in April. The Third District met in Lenoir, April 2nd—the Fourth District in Gastonia, April 3rd—the Second District in Brevard, April 4th—the First District in Highlands, April 5th—and the Fifth District at St. Cyprian's, Franklin, on April 7th.

The inspirational speaker at all the meetings was Mrs. William J. Gordon of Spray, N. C. Her talk at the first four districts was on "The Meaning of the Auxiliary Prayer". At Franklin she spoke on the Missionary Fields of the Church with emphasis on her son's work, The Rev. William Gordon, in Alaska. Here she illustrated her talk with articles of interest sent her by her son from his field at Point Hope.

The attendance at the Third District meeting in Lenoir and the Fifth District meeting at Franklin was excellent. At the other meetings the attendance was disappointingly small. However the women who took the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Gordon speak will never forget the great message she gave. They will never "say" the Auxiliary Prayer again but will devoutly "pray it". Her influence will be felt for a long time among the women of the Auxiliary of Western North Carolina.

The Meeting held at St. Cyprian's, Franklin, was a fitting climax to a week of wonderful inspiration. The women of the mission led by their president, Mrs. Viola Lenoir, had spent many hours in preparation.

At the close of this meeting a check for \$50.00 was presented to Mrs. Gordon for her son's work in Alaska, from the women of the Diocese. This sum represents the cost of feeding one of his dogs, used in carrying him over his field of service, for a year.

There is to be one member of each of the five branches of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Fifth District at the

Conference for Negroes held at St. Augustine's School at Raleigh, N. C., June 10th to 14th. The expenses will be paid by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese will open at 3 P. M., June 6th and close with luncheon June 7th at Kanuga. The cost per person for the convention will be \$3.50. All women of the Diocese, not just delegates, are urged to attend this meeting. For detailed information and reservations write the Auxiliary President, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, "Lone Pine", Morganton, N. C.

Mrs. Donnell Van Noppen has accepted the office of Secretary of Promotion and Race Relations of the Woman's Auxiliary. Her address is Dowe St., Morganton, N. C.

THE REV. MILNOR JONES

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cially the Hamiltons, were favorable to the Church. "He had set forth in his preaching his conception of the history, character and claims of the Church, and its essential superiority to all modern organizations, and had not failed to give very free expression to his unfavorable opinion of the Baptists and Methodists." Bishop Cheshire came for a visit on a Sunday, for purposes of Confirmation and Holy Communion. He held a service the Friday night before in the Academy Building, which our Church had rented for Mission purposes. On Sunday a crowd of men gathered in front of the building, and prevented the Bishop and Rev. John Seagle, then a layman, from entering. The Bishop's tact prevented any riotous outbreak and the services were held on the lawn of Rufus Hamilton's home.

Mr. Jones was of vigorous intellect, of friendly nature, beloved by the country people, rough and ready in his ways, and loved argument and controversy. He laid foundations on which others have built. He was in bad health when he left our field, and died in California.

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The Reconstruction and Advance Fund

By the Rev. Charles Leavell

The figures given here are those compiled by the Diocesan Chairman of Promotion from special gifts given Reconstruction and Advance through Mr. W. H. Stewart, from payments already made from general canvass to Mr. Wm. M. Redwood, Diocesan Treasurer, from certain parish treasurers, and from priests who have sent in reports of canvass, including as yet unpaid pledges. The sum total is most encouraging; the Diocese is already over her quota officially set up by the Council of the Diocese.

However, as some have observed, this Diocese did not increase the original quota it assigned itself when the National Church increased her quota from \$5,000,000.00 to \$8,800,000.00.

We are therefore anxious to go several thousand dollars over the original quota we set. We have done very well in

many cases and in many places. Nine parishes out of eighteen have reached or exceeded their quotas, in some cases very substantially. Thirteen missions have done so, with instances of doubling or tripling the quota. Every parish with a priest resident has reported at least some progress. Of the nineteen places which have reported nothing thus far we are confident that in many instances there has already been much done about which we simply have not heard.

It is not too late to give to this fund, if you or your congregation have not done so—or even if your congregation has exceeded its quota and you yourself have not yet given to it. We as a Diocese are not quite content with having exceeded our quota; we know that Western North Carolina may well be called on to make up for the deficiencies and weakness of some other Diocese.



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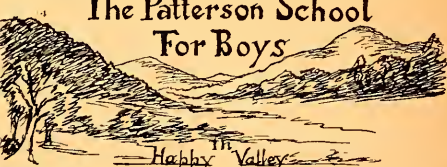
PARISH:	QUOTA:	PAID OR PLEGDED:
Asheville, Trinity -----	\$3,060.00	\$4,189.50*
Asheville, St. Mary's -----	522.65	560.25*
Asheville, St. Matthias' -----	248.88	No Report
Biltmore, All Souls -----	1,700.00	3,026.25*
Brevard, St. Phillip's -----	321.47	230.00
Flat Rock, St. John's -----	244.80	No Report
Fletcher, Calvary -----	684.20	1,057.00*
Gastonia, St. Mark's -----	1,231.96	458.53
Hendersonville, St. James -----	1,088.50	562.76
Hickory, Ascension -----	414.80	200.00
Lenoir, St. James' -----	808.60	900.00*
Lincolnton, St. Luke's -----	497.60	163.36
Marion, St. John's -----	273.77	128.00
Morganton, Grace -----	1,555.50	3,111.14*
Rutherfordton, St. Francis -----	1,061.89	1,249.80*
Tryon, Holy Cross -----	1,338.10	1,585.00*
Waynesville, Grace -----	228.14	225.00
Wilkesboro, St. Paul's -----	186.60	350.00*
Total For Parishes	\$15,467.46	\$17,996.59*

MISSION:	QUOTA:	PAID OR PLEGDED:
Arden, Christ School ---\$	119.00	\$ 119.00*
Asheville, Grace -----	41.48	No Report
Asheville, St. Lukes' -----	38.37	25.00
Asheville, The Redeemer -----	63.29	100.00*
Asheville, Trinity Chapel -----	76.74	86.00*
Bat Cave, Transfiguration -----	130.66	93.41
Beaver Creek, St. Mary's -----	33.18	No Report
Bessemer City, St. Andrews -----	25.93	No Report
Black Mountain, St. James -----	259.25	900.00*
Blowing Rock, Stringfellow Memorial -----	107.85	No Report
Boone, St. Luke's -----	31.11	100.00*
Burke County, St. Paul's -----	25.93	11.53
Canton, St. Andrew's -----	176.29	25.00
Cashier's, Good Shepherd -----	17.00	No Report
Cherokee Mission -----	17.00	No Report
Cullowhee, St. David's -----	13.48	No Report
Edneyville, St. Paul's -----	36.07	36.07*
Edneyville, St. Peter's -----	17.63	No Report
Franklin, St. Agnes -----	155.50	120.00
Franklin, St. Cyprian's -----	27.63	1.45
Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity -----	25.93	30.45*
Highlands, Incarnation -----	259.50	150.00
High Shoals, St. John's -----	33.15	No Report
Hot Springs, St. John's -----	17.00	17.00*
Legerwood, Chapel of Rest -----	130.66	130.66*
Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's -----	31.11	16.00
Lincolnton, Woodside, Our Saviour -----	32.15	15.50
Linville, All Saints -----	22.10	No Report

Little Switzerland		
Resurrection -----	51.85	No Report
Morganton, St. Stephen's -----	31.11	76.23*
Murphy, Messiah -----	33.18	50.00*
Penland, Good Shepherd -----	51.85	3.90
Quaker Meadows, St. Mary's -----	31.11	17.50
Rutherford Missions -----	13.48	No Report
Rutherfordton, St. Gabriels -----	31.11	No Report
Saluda, Transfiguration -----	138.28	No Report
Shelby, The Redeemer -----	45.65	50.00*
Sylvia, St. John's -----	13.48	25.00*
Todd, St. Matthews -----	13.48	No Report
Tryon, Good Shepherd -----	21.78	No Report
Upward, St. John The Baptist -----	103.70	No Report
Valle Crucis, Holy Cross -----	394.06	335.00
Anonymous -----		100.00
Totals For Missions -----	\$2,939.08	\$2,548.65
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CLERGY OF DIOCESE TO MEET

The clergy of the Diocese will hold a special one-day meeting in the parish house of Grace Church, Morganton, on Thursday, May 23, at which time the Rev. Edgar Neff, Field Secretary of the National Council, will bring to their attention the new promotion plans of the National Council. The Rt. Rev. R. E. Gribbin, Bishop of the Diocese, stated that the meeting is important and urges that all clergy be present.

ST. MARY'S, QUAKER MEADOWS

The Young People at St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows, have formed a Junior Choir. This is quite an addition to the church service, since there was no choir formerly. At Christmas the Young People presented a pageant which everyone enjoyed very much.

The Commencement exercises for the Class of 1946 at Patterson School will be held in the Chapel of Rest, Legerwood, at 10:30 A. M. on Friday, May 24. The Rev. G. Mark Jenkins, Fletcher, will be the speaker.

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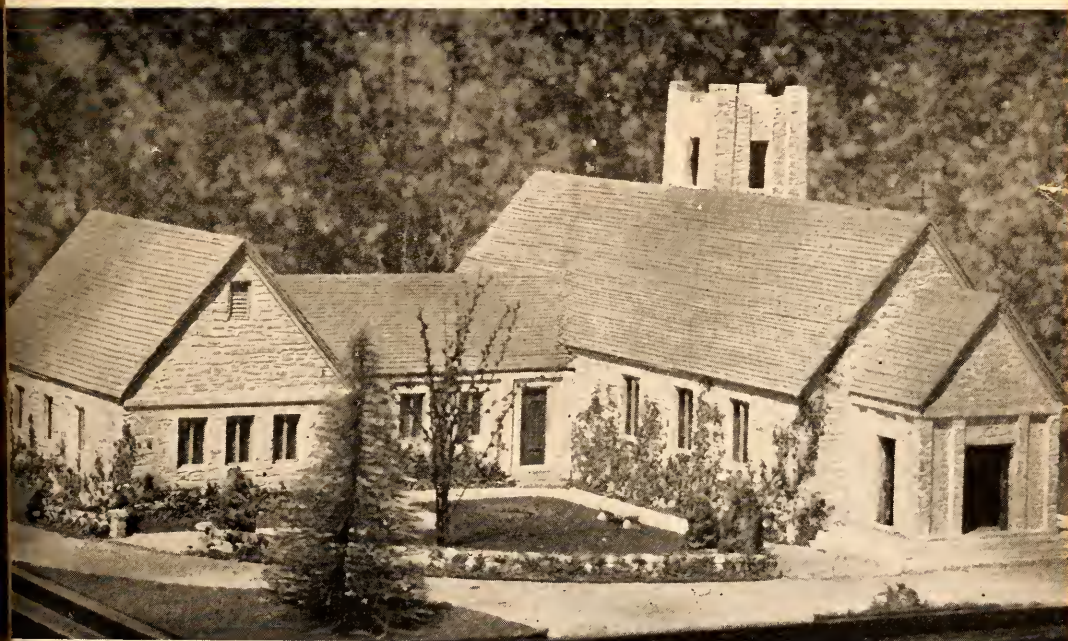
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The above is a photograph of the proposed Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave. It shows a model of the church, which was made by Dr. James Murray Washburn, of Lake Lure. The new church will replace the one destroyed by fire May 19, 1945. Bishop Paul Matthews, retired, of Princeton, New Jersey, gave the site on which the new church is being built under the supervision of the rector, the Rev. Frank A. Saylor.

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Cherokee

It was inspiring to see at our recent Convention the first Indian who had ever taken his seat as a lay delegate in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. It is significant too that the mission for an out-door race is to bear the name of the great out-door Saint, Francis of Assisi.

Most appropriate is it that the man responsible for the establishment of the work among the Cherokees should be the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. He was born in what was Cherokee country and has always been deeply sensitive to the wrongs done this once powerful tribe by white men and their Government.

May he be richly rewarded in his efforts to bring all the blessed gifts which the Church has to bestow, to these true Americans, descendants of the reception committee that greeted the forebears of some of us when they first climbed the slopes of the Blue Ridge and the Smokies in search of a new home.

Finance

At the recent Convention a budget was adopted that did not suit everybody. Perhaps it would be better to say, "A budget was adopted, period". For budgets never suit everybody. However if we do not like it, we have no one but ourselves to blame, as we elect the Executive Council, which in turn creates the Department of Finance.

As a matter of fact Mr. Balthis, the retiring chairman, merely did what the Executive Council instructed him to do. No one can say that the method used in determining quotas and assessments is unfair even though some may rightfully question its wisdom. The fact is that *some* system has to govern and however much we may not like it, the new figures may reveal that our particular parish or mission has not been carrying its share of the load.

The important fact to remember is that these are days of prosperity and that both the National Church and the diocese are right in asking for larger giving. Hence the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN urges every one not to allow this matter to grow cold, but to resolve to do all within your power to see that at next fall's canvass your parish does not fail to go forward in missionary giving.

RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE

Someone recently asked the question as to how our giving to this fund compared with that of other dioceses. This can not be determined immediately as all the figures are not in. We doubt if comparisons here are any less odious than elsewhere. What we should ask is not whether we did as well or better than the Diocese of Laodicea, but did we do our full duty?

In a diocese containing so many people, with wandering feet we wonder if there are not still quite a number who were absent when the matter was presented in their parishes, who would not like to feel that they had contributed nothing. If this applies to you why not speak to your rector about it.

Annual Convention Held at All Souls

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met at All Souls Church, Biltmore, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14th and 15th. The Convention opened with a celebration of Holy Communion by the Bishop, assisted by the two Deans of the Convocation. At 11:15 a.m. the Convention formally opened its business sessions with the roll call and organization of the Convention. The Rev. J. P. Burke was re-elected unanimously to be the secretary of the Diocese. Following the Bishop's annual address to the Convention, the Bishop led in prayers for the Missionary work for the Church.

At 1 p.m. a luncheon was served in the Parish House, at which the Rev. I. Harding Hughes, Chaplain of St. Mary's School and Junior College, was the speaker.

The Convention reconvened at 2:30 p.m. to hear reports of the officers, executive council, and committees of the Diocese.

Mr. William Redwood was unanimously re-elected treasurer of the Diocese, and the Convention expressed its appreciation for his untiring services to the Church.

The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to nominations for the various offices and to other routine business.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, Evensong was sung in the Church, followed by three 15-minute addresses by the three heads of the Diocesan schools: The Rev. Peter W. Lambert, Appalachian School, Penland; The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, director of the Southern Rural Church Leadership School, to be held at Valle Crucis this summer; and Mr. George Wiese, Patterson School, Legerwood.

On Wednesday morning, the Rev. I. N. Northup, rector of All Souls

Church, celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by the Bishop and the secretary of the Diocese. At 9:30 a.m., The Rev. Dudley J. Stroup, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Leach, read Morning Prayer, and at 10 a.m. the business session was resumed, and the various offices of the Diocese were filled. The Convention adjourned in the early afternoon.

GENERAL CONVENTION DELEGATES ELECTED

Delegates to the General Convention to be held this fall at Philadelphia were elected as follows: Clerical delegates, The Rev. G. F. Rogers, The Rev. G. M. Jenkins, The Rev. C. G. Leavell, and the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. The Lay delegates to the General Convention will be the Messrs. W. M. Redwood, A. B. Stoney, William Balthis, and George Wiese.

The alternate clerical delegates are The Reverends J. P. Burke, B. M. Lackey, W. C. Leach, and I. N. Northup. The alternate lay delegates are the Messrs. Fred Seeley, W. P. Bacon, V. Jordan Brown, and William Kirk.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHOSEN

The Rev. G. F. Rogers, The Rev. W. C. Leach, Mr. George Wiese, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, and Mr. C. C. Dawson were elected members of the Executive Council of the Diocese to serve for three year terms.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT

The following were elected members of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese: The Rev. Charles Burnett, The Rev. B. M. Lackey, The Rev. A. P. Mack, The Rev. D. J. Stroup, and The Rev. I. N. Northup.

Shall We Tell Them the Truth?

By The Rt. Rev. Austin Pardue, Bishop of Pittsburgh

It is too bad that good church people are so rarely instructed sufficiently in the Church's doctrine of Immortality to face death with calm confidence and quiet assurance. The blame, as a rule, rests with the clergyman who has not taught the faith. It has been my frequent experience to go into sick rooms, where the patients were expected to die, and to have the families caution me to say nothing that would make them aware of the seriousness of their condition. The families to which I refer are often church members in good standing. Time and again so-called Christians neither want their loved ones to face the truth, nor do they themselves believe enough in the central theme of Christianity to have faith in the Resurrection. On the other hand, the tactful but honest approach which comes after prayer for guidance by the Holy Spirit is almost the greatest comfort a dying person can have.

Right now, as I write this book, a charming elderly lady is dying a slow death from a dread disease in a nearby hospital. The family did not think it wise to discuss death with her but when they invited me to call on her, they did not limit my visit by saying, "Don't let her know how badly off she is". When I did see her, it took only a few minutes for her to talk about her death as imminent. How foolish it would have been for me to try to talk her out of it. She faced the prospect with me quite calmly without emotion. I told her that she could undoubtedly be of great service to her family in her next life because of the new clarity of her vision and the greater understanding she would have in saying her prayers. I also talked to her about her continual growth in the next life, and her new opportunities there. She not only paid great attention to what I had to say, but she was delighted and relieved.

When I was Rector of Gethsemane

Church, Minneapolis, a parishioner was dying from a long and lingering disease and it was my privilege to call on her many times. She wanted to talk about death, which we did, and as usual, the patient received great mental relief as well as spiritual comfort, even to the point of light-heartedness. When the end was near I called on her again and she asked me to pray that she be permitted to live for three more days. When I asked why, she stated that several of her family were coming home and she wanted to live until they arrived because she had helpful things to tell them. I saw no reason why such a request could not be made and offered the petition. When all the family had arrived and had conversed with her, she slipped off into a state of coma from which such cases rarely arouse. I received a phone call informing me of her condition, and went out to the house. I stood at the foot of her bed for a minute and prayed for her quiet bodily release, but to my amazement her breathing became easy and she opened her eyes and looked at me with a wonderful smile and said, "I knew you'd come before I went. Thanks so much for the prayer. I talked to them all, and I feel quite relieved. Give me the Blessing and then I'll go." I walked to the side of her bed, took her hand and asked her to please remember me when she arrived on the other side as I certainly would need her clear vision and prayers. She nodded assurance, and smiled. I gave her the Final Blessing and she slipped away.

How much better it is, wherever possible, to give the dying a preparation which will let them go on in the truth rather than in a state of fear. Think of it from the angle of the dying person. Do they not have a right to the truth? Too often, the family that tries to protect the patient from a desired discussion of death is not trying to protect

the dying, but themselves. They are sincere but misguided.

Death is the one factor which every human soul must inevitably face and the sooner we bring it out into the open the better off we will all be. When we link up the two worlds of the seen and the unseen by the Sacrament of the Holy Communion and by prayers which set up an inter-communication system, we will be well on the way towards Christian maturity and psychological security.

Of course, the best way to handle this whole matter is to have family discussions of the subject when everyone is quite well and normal. The matter should not be put off until desperate illness occurs. But, we warn against such extreme foolishness as those who come into sick rooms with a "Prepare to Meet Thy God" attitude. It is bad to force a sick person to face the subject of death when they have no desire to do so. The discussion must always start from the patient, never from the visitor. Talk over death when you are all well, and use great wisdom with one who is sick, but when the patient so desires, face it.

FAMINE RELIEF MONEY RAISED

The members of St. James' Parish, Hendersonville, held open house at the Parish House on May 19, at which time a drive was inaugurated to raise funds and foods for Emergency Famine Relief.

Rev. J. D. Barringer, pastor of the Lutheran Church, who was chaplain for a B-29 Group and who saw service on every continent during the war, spoke on conditions which he had observed particularly in China and India, resulting from want of food.

Gifts of money and food were contributed in what is planned as a continuing move to aid the famine sufferers—\$150 has already been forwarded to the Presiding Bishop's Fund, and it is expected that additional funds will be sent within a short time.

Trustees Named

Bishop Gribbin nominated Mr. Kingsland Van Winkle, Asheville attorney, to serve as Chancellor of the Diocese in his Annual Address to the Convention.

The Bishop also announced the appointment of Mr. V. Jordan Brown to serve as trustee of the Diocese. These nominations were made necessary by the death of Mr. Haywood Parker, who held both offices for a great number of years. Mr. Van Winkle is a member of the firm of Harkins, Van Winkle and Walton, and has been active in the work of All Souls Church for many years. Mr. Brown is an official of the Asheville Mica Company and a member of Trinity Church, Asheville.

The Convention elected Mr. John Schley of Calvary Church, Fletcher, a trustee of the Diocese. Dr. W. E. Wilmerding, of Skyland, was elected a trustee of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.

The Rev. B. M. Lackey and Mrs. A. B. Stoney were named trustees of St. Mary's School and Junior College, Raleigh, to serve a six-year term.

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee and Mrs. William Balthis were elected trustees of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte.

Standing Committee Elected

The Convention elected the following to the Standing Committee of the Diocese: The Rev. J. P. Burke, The Rev. G. M. Jenkins, The Rev. G. F. Rogers, The Rev. C. G. Leavell, Mr. A. B. Stoney, Mr. William M. Redwood, Mr. William Balthis, and Mr. F. P. Bacon.

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Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

How does one become a Communicant of a Parish or Mission?

1. By being confirmed in that Parish or Mission and making your communion there.

2. By being transferred to a Parish or Mission and making your communion there.

How does one transfer from one Parish to another?

Cannon 15, "Of Regulations Respecting the Laity", given in our Diocesan Canons on page 27, tells you how. Briefly, the process is as follows: You simply procure from the Rector or Minister-in-charge, or, if there be no Rector or Minister, from one of the Wardens, a certificate addressed to the Rector or Minister of the congregation to which removal is desired. This certificate, a fixed form, states that you are a communicant of said Parish, in good standing, if you are, and, are hereby transferred.

Note the regulation says "A communicant—shall be entitled to receive and shall procure from the Rector or Minister—a certificate," etc. The initiative should be taken by the communicant.

Why is this "Regulation" necessary?

1. In some of our cities there are fifteen or more parish churches. Obviously, you could not be accounted a member of each and every one. A communicant in good standing may make his or her communion in any of our churches throughout the world, but he should not be accounted a communicant of more than one Parish or Mission at any given time.

2. If there were no such system of transfers, our statistics of Church

membership would be even more unreliable than they are now.

3. Since our Diocesan Conventions are held at different times, from January to June, if there were no system of transfers, a person could vote in three or four different Conventions in a single year.

4. It gives a Rector a definite list of people for whose spiritual care he is responsible.

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

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By The Rev. Frank. A. Saylor

Some of you want to know about the little Church in the mountains which is called the Transfiguration and so I will tell you part of the story.

The Sisters of the Transfiguration of Glendale, Ohio, are responsible for its beginnings. Along about 1914 they moved a small school house from the valley, to the old site near the bridge on the Asheville Highway. There it grew from a one-room affair to a church and library and clubroom.

The next move was to "make it over" into a very beautiful place, by refinishing it inside and out, and making it habitable in cold weather. This church was burned on May 14, 1945, because of a fire next door.

Then a lot was given by Bishop Matthews near the rectory on the Charlotte Highway, and a new one started. We were very hopeful of a stone veneer building, much the same inside as the old one.

To April 1st of this year, we had in hand what we needed, less \$2,000.00 on the estimate. Since then we have had gifts of \$400.00, and one to come in later of a few dollars. So you see, despite the war conditions and high wages, we are quite sure now to finish it—with the help of those who are interested.

Highlights From the Bishop's Address

At the Annual Convention, Bishop Gribbin delivered his annual address to the Convention, covering the changing conditions in the Diocese during the past year and welcoming the improvements which have taken place.

Speaking of the death of Mr. Haywood Parker, the Bishop stated, "I missed him nearly every day. My file of letters from him is larger than that from anybody else. Mr. Parker's time was given freely and readily to the work of the Church in so many departments, especially that of the diocesan schools. He represented the Diocese in several General Conventions. Mr. Parker was equally prominent in civic affairs. His ability and his service to his alma mater, the University of North Carolina, were recognized by that institution in conferring on him the degree Doctor of Laws."

The Bishop also referred to the death of Mrs. Thomas C. Wetmore, who died during the past year, stating that Mrs. Wetmore helped her husband in the founding of Christ School at the beginning of this century. "Her intelligent zeal and unflagging interest were rewarded by enlisting many financial supporters of the school and by securing the Rev. Reuben R. Harris as Headmaster . . . If you seek Mrs. Wetmore's monument, you will find it graven in the lives of men and boys who came under her influence and now rise up and call her blessed."

The Bishop stated that the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., is expected to return to this Diocese about September 1. He welcomed the Rev. William T. Capers, Jr., to the Diocese of Western North Carolina as the new rector of Holy Cross Church, Tryon. He also spoke of the Rev. James McKeown, who is beginning his work as priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Boone, and associated missions. Bishop Gribbin paid tribute to the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan upon the foundation of the first Indian Mission in

our Diocese, St. Francis of Assisi, Cherokee.

Concluding his address, the Bishop stated: "It does not require a seer of the first order to state that 'The time is out of joint.' We hear from various quarters statements about what the Church should do, must do, if she is to survive. The Church will not be frightened into sponsoring movements of one kind or another to save her life, or to appear in a favorable light. I repeat a quotation from my address two years ago. 'What is the task of this Church? Principally to BE itself and NOT DO anything at all. All that it does is secondary and expressive of what it is. And, first of all, its duty is to BE in living actuality that thing, namely the fellowship of those who have received the power of the Holy Spirit through the revelation of the love of God in Christ . . . worship is the business of its life . . . the Church exists, first and foremost, to be the fellowship of those who worship God in Christ. It is only when we understand the Church as existing first and foremost to be a worshipping community that we begin to understand either its nature or its task.' (Wm. Belden Noble Lectures by the late Archbishop William Temple.) We are not here to say what forms of government shall be recognized or what the terms are upon which our industries are to be operated. We are here definitely to say to all men that there is one God and Father of us all in whom we live and move and have our being—that our first duty is to Him, and the measure with which we fulfill our duty to God will determine the measure with which we fulfill our duty to our fellow man. God is first; man is second. If God is placed first, man's second place will be just and right. We cannot love God and neglect our fellow-man, but we can neglect both God and man. Our job is to lift up Christ. Let us then attend to our own business, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

Diocesan Clergy Meet

The clergy of the Diocese met at Grace Church, Morganton, on Thursday, May 23, at the request of Bishop Gribbin. Opening at 10 a.m., the Rev. Edgar R. Neff, National Council Field Officer for the Fourth Province, led a discussion of the plans and program of the Church during the next year.

Mr. Neff outlined the new portfolio which the National Council is publishing each year to take the place of the diverse material which has been sent the clergy at various times during the year in the past. Under the new plans, each clergyman will have on his desk the National Council plans for the entire year, and will be able to turn to any section of it for whatever needs he may have. Mr. Neff stated that the new program will save the National Council about two-thirds of its mailing, and will bring within reach of each priest the entire year's plans.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.



BOOK REVIEW

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

THE GREAT DIVORCE

By C. S. Lewis, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

The Macmillan Company, \$1.50.

The run of the mill Churchman, if he wants to know what sends people to hell, can find the answer in this latest book by the Church's lay theologian. And the chances are that the reader will have reason to stop and think about himself. Actually this is a popular treatment of something that orthodox teachers have maintained for centuries; namely that hell is not so much the punishment for violence and lust and fraud, as it is the choice of those who refuse to surrender their own wills to God.

So those who choose hell rather than Heaven are different from what we might expect. A murderer has been accepted, but his old foreman who insists upon his rights returns to hell. A Bishop has grown so enamoured of his free inquiry and honest convictions that he cannot endure certainty in Heaven. The woman who had given her life to making something of her husband, irrespective of his wishes, could not stay. Another, who made a religion of mother-love was in like case. Yet a man who renounced his sensuality was enabled to remain. As the guides in Heaven expresses it, "In the end there are only two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done', and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done'." And the less objectionable our false god, the greater the danger that we shall refuse to exchange it for the true one.

CHURCH SERVICES

BLACK MOUNTAIN: St. James' Church.
Rev. J. H. Rhys. Church School 10:15
A. M. Services 2nd and 4th Sunday at
7:30 A. M. Every Sunday at 11:15 A. M.

Report Given on Diocesan Schools

At the Tuesday evening service at All Souls Church, Biltmore, reports were given on the work of the schools of the Diocese, following the evening service. Fifteen-minute addresses were made by the Rev. P. W. Lambert, of the Appalachian School at Penland; The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, director of the Southern Rural Church Leadership School, which is to be held at Valle Crucis, June 17 to August 2, and Mr. George Wiese, head of the Patterson School at Legerwood.

Father Lambert spoke of his work at Appalachian, stating that the objective of the school is to take young children from an abnormal home situation and to offer them shelter, security, and a normal family life. The enrollment includes the first seven public school grades. There in the school, the children are given an education, and at the same time are aided in living a normal rounded life. Prayer and worship is made a normal part of the everyday curriculum. Father Lambert stated that he was uncertain what the immediate future of the school is, as we enter the inflationary post-war period. The school has a full enrollment, and it is hoped that it will not suffer too much as a result of the rise in prices and scarcity of the necessities of life.

The Rev. Mr. Morgan discussed plans for the Southern Rural Church Leadership School. He stated that the school has been established by the Diocese, in cooperation with the Province of Sewanee, the National Council of the Episcopal Church, and the Woman's Auxiliary. It is hoped that students will attend who are interested in doing rural work, especially in the southern mountain districts. Students may be clergy, theological students, and women church workers, and among them it is expected that there will be returned service chaplains. Mr. Morgan stated that the school is still an experiment, but it is hoped that the experience this summer will lead to its permanent establishment as a part of our Diocesan life.

Mr. George Wiese spoke of the character building of young boys at the Patterson School. Boys of high school age are given the finest education possible, and, in addition to their regular studies, are taught agriculture, forestry, and industrial arts. He spoke of the necessity for expansion, and of his hope that the Diocese and friends of the school would aid them in building the necessary additions. At the present time, the school has a capacity of 60 students, but it is hoped to double the enrollment in the next few years. Mr. Wiese foresaw the return of many people to farm life as a result of the war, and believes that the education and training given at Patterson School will equip the boys for rural living.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION HELD

The annual convention of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary was held at Kanuga Lake, Hendersonville, Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7. The two major addresses were given by Mrs. Francis Clarkson, of Charlotte, on the Federal Council of Churches, and Miss Edna Beardsley, National Secretary.

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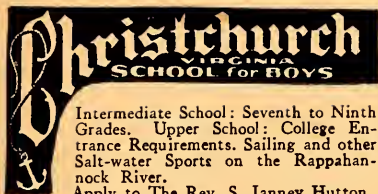
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DIOCESAN BUDGET APPROVED

After much discussion, the Conven-
tion approved the budget proposed for
the Diocese for the year 1947. The
budget which was submitted to the
Convention this year is significant in
that increased amounts are being asked
of the Parishes and Missions for both
assessments and apportionments. In
order to meet the Diocesan Expense
Fund budget (necessitated by reduced
income on invested funds, etc.), it be-
came necessary to assess the amounts
on all the parishes and missions by 8
percent of a three-year average of their
current expenses.

In order to meet the large budget
items for missionary stipends and the
General Church Program, the Executive
Council adopted a basis for setting the
apportionments as follows: 22½ of a
three-year average of current expenses
on all parishes and missions, and the
same figures as last year where no re-
port was available. The Department
of Finance stated that as far as the
amount in the budget is concerned, there
is no question but that every dollar is
needed.

**GASTONIA VESTRY HONORS
MISS YOUNG**

The Vestry of St. Mark's Parish,
Gastonia, recently passed a memorial
resolution, paying tribute to Miss Mary
Amelia Young, who died on February
25, 1946. Miss Young was a devoted
and very efficient supervisor of the
Altar Guild for 14 years before her
death.

"Men and Movements in the Amer-
ican Episcopal Church," presenting
from the standpoint of personality the
life and work of leaders who shaped
the thought of the Church from Colonial
times, has just been published by
Charles Scribner's Sons (500 pages, \$4).
The book was written by the official
historiographer of the Church, Dr. E.
Clowes Chorley.

Church Congress Organized At Hendersonville

The preliminary meeting of the Church Congress, which was held at St. James Church, Hendersonville, April 30-May 1, was a great success. Following the delightful dinner served by the women of St. James' Parish, the Church Congress was formally organized and the following officers elected: The Rev. J. P. Burke, president; Mr. F. W. Ewbank, Hendersonville, vice-president; The Rev. Dudley J. Stroup, Asheville, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. F. P. Bacon, Tryon and The Rev. W. C. Leach, Valle Crucis, members of the Executive Committee.

The Very Rev. William H. Nes, D.D., Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, La., was the speaker at both the evening and morning sessions. His subject at the evening session was devoted to the question of church unity. He stressed the historical church, and the unity of the Anglican Communion in the whole world as two major factors which must not be overlooked in any discussion of Church unity. Dean Nes stated that he regarded any move toward union with any Christian body as being fatal to the historic church, unless the Anglican Communion through the Lambeth Congress is consulted.

At the Wednesday morning session, Dean Nes spoke on other issues to be brought up at the General Convention this fall, devoting most of the time to the subject of Christian Marriage. Dean Nes stressed the Marriage vows taken by the persons seeking marriage as of primary importance and of the vow in our prayer book—especially the phrase "till death us do part"—as being inconsistent with the re-marriage of divorced persons. He also stated that the difficult cases which come up so frequently in these war-time years, are not to be treated lightly, but at the same time must not be allowed to lower the standards of Christian morality.

At the dinner on Tuesday evening, The Rev. D. J. Stroup, temporary

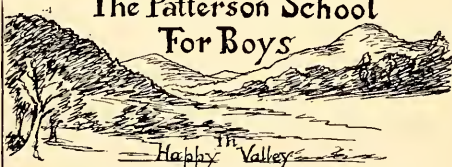
chairman of the Church Congress, was the toastmaster and introduced the speakers at the dinner. Bishop Gribbin welcomed those who attended the Congress and paid tribute to the Church Congress in the United States as one organization which it has been his desire to see at work in our Diocese.

Mr. Frank W. Ewbank, of Hendersonville, read a paper printed in the organ of the Church Congress, The Anglican Theological Review, which had been written by one of his brothers some years ago. It is the only paper known to have been published in the Anglican Theological Review by a person from the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

TREASURER'S NEW ADDRESS

The new address of Mr. William M. Redwood, Treasurer of the Diocese, since his retirement, is 20 Cedarcliff Road, Biltmore Forest, Biltmore, North Carolina.

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Highland Churchman Subscriptions Changed

At the Annual Convention, a change was made in the method of subscribing to the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**. The Executive Council of the Diocese approved a change in the method of subscribing so that everyone who pledges to the work of the Church, on either the black or the red side of the pledge card, will be entitled to a year's subscription to the magazine. In this way, it is hoped that our Diocesan organ will be sent to every family in the Diocese. Under the present subscription method, only those who pledge to

the Missionary work of the Church are entitled to a subscription.

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Church Congress

The proximity of the Diocesan Convention plus the long thoughts of youth forced us to abstain last month from comment on the most significant event in the diocese for many years, namely the formation of a Regional Church Congress at Hendersonville on the first day of May. The enthusiasm there manifest, as well as the members who attended left no doubt in the mind of anyone that something had been inaugurated which was here to stay. Like Oliver Twist many are asking for more and there are no parsimonious Bumbles who would deny us. Announcements of time and place of another meeting will soon be forthcoming.

The inception of the Congress has raised a question in the minds of some as to the wisdom of another organization which will take clergy and laity from their parishes. The point is well taken if the meetings are tiring, boring, and lack intellectual stimulus. We already have Convocation and the Priests' Fellowship. The sum total per year of meetings of these three groups

would be approximately eight. Is this too many occasions for clergy and laity to drop tasks at home and go elsewhere for fellowship and the sharing of minds? We do not think so. Convocation is partly intellectual and partly practical. In the course of the years it has accomplished some useful things. The Priests' Fellowship is what its name implies but in addition to Fellowship it has produced some truly brilliant papers. The Congress is purely intellectual which does not mean merely high-brow. It will enable us to see truth from opposite but not necessarily contradictory points of view.

The main question so it seems to us is the fact that the life of the Church seems to narrow and stagnate if not given intellectual stimulus. No parish priest can minister or preach effectively if his nose is forever kept on his own grindstone. No layman can give intelligent leadership to his fellows if his sun rises and sets in dear old St. Demas, in Laodicea. Convocation and Congress and Fellowship will, we are confident, in the very best sense broaden and deepen us all.

Welcome Back

Every year there come to our mountain parishes some warm-hearted Church folk who make it easier for us to carry on. They evidently are so happy in their parish relationships at home that they treat our local clergy as they would their own rector. They have often an uncanny way of discovering something lacking which the parish in which they are sojourning has been as yet unable to provide. They are particularly solicitous for the welfare of the clergy who are frequently the recipients of new vestments, books, money for some parish needs or even a little spending money for personal use. We mention these material things because they are the outward tokens of warm generous hearts. How blessed it is to live in Western North Carolina parishes where these good angels come to make life happier for us all.

A Message About Washington Cathedral From Your Diocesan Regent

By Mrs. Henry Laurens

As we anticipate the completion of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, our thoughts should turn to another great project of our church, the plans for future building at Washington Cathedral. As Bishop Dun says, it is first of all a place of worship, a house of prayer open to all; a place high and lifted up, where the voice of divine charity and justice may be heard above the clamor of class, race or section. It is, too, a center of the highest type of Christian Education, with its three schools and its admirable College of Preachers, where our priests from all over the nation may come for inspiration and widening teaching to give them strength in their chosen work.

In its dignity and beauty the Cathedral sets before us the majesty of great architecture and the blending of all arts to the glory of God. That its mission of inspiration to all our people and its breadth of service may grow continually, all Episcopalians are urged to cooperate in the raising of a Building Fund late in 1946, to be used in part for a War Memorial Chapel in honor of the men and women of the armed services who have made the supreme sacrifice. This shrine will be known as the Patriots' Transept, will be ornamented with military insignia, and will contain Books of Remembrance, and also any personal service records submitted of the living. "The Patriots' Transept will thus honor both living and dead," explains Mr. George Wharton Pepper, Chairman of the Building Fund. "Erected on the highest ground in the Nation's capital, it will be for the soldier whom we know what the tomb at Arlington is for the soldier unknown."

Let us bear in mind this means of consecration of our gifts and perpetua-

tion of our loved ones in this National shrine. Let us in Western North Carolina be ready when the appeal comes, and let us urge upon all church members the value to our minds and spirits of this Cathedral of all the States, where all denominations may worship, and where the clergy seek every opportunity to hold services of common prayer to deepen the unity of God's people. And let us pray that in our day we may see the Cathedral soar closer to completion on its holy mount.

A New Booklet On Church Music

A new, inexpensive booklet on Church Music for the layman has recently been published by Morehouse-Gorham. The name is "In Every Corner Sing" and the price is only 50¢ per copy.

Written by Dr. Joseph W. Clokey, Dean of the School of Fine Arts, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and an experienced organist and choirmaster, this booklet is the result of his many years of work in the field of Church Music. The booklet lays great stress on congregational singing, what constitutes good church music, music in the small church, the volunteer choir, and many other related topics concerned with the good and bad in Church music.

The purpose of the booklet is to provide an outline of Church Music for the average layman—the man in the pew. Members of Church Choirs, particularly, should own a copy of this booklet. The reading of it will stimulate interest in, and appreciation of, good Church Music.



The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D.D., S.T.D.

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is pleased to publish a new picture of our Bishop for the first time in many years. Our readers are familiar with the old picture, taken some years ago, and we are sure this new one will be received with as much pleasure as THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN takes in presenting it.

News From Northwestern North Carolina

Rogation Sunday was observed at Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, with the traditional services of beseeching God's blessing on the plantings at home and throughout the world. A new feature this year was the adaptation of the ancient English Service of the Blessing of the Plow. At the Offertory, four of the young men, members of the Future Farmers of America Club, brought a plow to the pace at the altar rail. Using an ancient rite, the priest blessed the point, the moldboards and the handles. Actually of course, the plow should be blessed much earlier in the year. Plow Monday, in England, is the first Monday after the Epiphany.

Following the service in the Church, the congregation went in procession to a site overlooking the valley for the Blessing of the Fields. Then a large crowd assembled in the School dining room for another annual feature, the Rogation Sunday dinner. The vast amounts of food that were brought served to fill the inner man and point up the significance of the day, that God will abundantly bless His people.

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Father Leach is pleased to announce that the slide film machine and slides for visual education have come and have been put to use. The sound movie projector is still to be delivered. Through the showing of entertainment films every week for the community, and through the generosity of some donors within and without the Diocese, there is already at hand a fund of \$218, which is just about half of the total cost.

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With the coming of the Rev. James McKeown to take charge of St. Luke's, Boone and the Ashe County Missions, new work will soon be started with the sizable congregation at Banner Elk. Father Leach has also been appointed officially as priest-in-charge of St. *(Continued on Page 10)*



MISS PAGE BEGINS WORK

Miss Patricia Page, the new mission worker at Bessemer City and High Shoals in the parish of Gastonia, is a recent graduate of Windham House, the national graduate training center for women in the Episcopal Church. She was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, and attended school there. She graduated from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1944, having majored in religious education and minored in sociology.

In the fall of 1944, she began her course at Windham House in New York City, working towards a master of arts degree in religious education from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary and a certificate from General Theological Seminary for work in Bible, Church History, Christian Doctrine, Liturgics, Christian Ethics, and Pastoral Psychology. While at Windham House she did religious educational work in two New York parishes—the Church of the Epiphany and the Church of the Resurrection.

During the summer of 1945 she worked in the Diocese of Western North

ASHTON ADVANCED TO PRIESTHOOD

The Rev. George C. Ashton, Deacon-in-charge of St. Gabriel's Church, Rutherfordton, was advanced to the Sacred Priesthood on St. Peter's Day, June 19, at St. Matthias Church, Asheville, by Bishop Gribbin.

The Rev. Tollie L. Caution, Secretary for Colored Work of the National Council, New York, preached the Ordination Sermon, and Archdeacon James T. Kennedy, of Asheville, presented the Ordinand.

Mr. Ashton continues his work as Priest-in-charge of St. Gabriel's Church, Rutherfordton.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

On June 30 the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, celebrated the 45th anniversary of the Consecration of the church. At the evening service the Bishop preached the sermon and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to seven persons. Just prior to the service Fr. Stroup baptized six children and adults.

In addition to the Bishop, the Rev. Mark Jenkins of Calvary Church, Fletcher, was present and participated in the service. The Rev. Howard Rhys of St. James Church, Black Mountain, acted as chaplain to the Bishop.

At the service at 9:30 a. m. the Holy Eucharist was offered for God's blessing upon the Church of the Redeemer and for the future of the Church in the community.

Carolina as a counselor at the Diocesan Young Churchman's Camp and in the vacation school program of the parishes of Morganton and Lincolnton. This summer she was again a counselor at the Diocesan Young Churchman's Camp. Following that, she is working in the Southern Rural Leadership School at Valle Crucis. She will start work definitely in Bessemer City and High Shoals in the first week of September.

Women's Auxiliary News

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese was held at Kanuga Lake on June 6 and 7, with a fine spirit pervading the 125 women, clergymen and visitors.

Mrs. A. B. Stoney, retiring president, presided at all sessions. At the opening session on Thursday afternoon, she gave her annual report of the work done in the branches, and urged the women to give, work, and pray more.

Miss Lucy Fletcher was elected the new president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Mark Jenkins, Secretary of Christian Education, Mrs. George Weise, Treasurer of U. T. O., and Mrs. Alice Maxwell, Director of the Fifth District.

Mrs. A. B. Stoney, Mrs. Mark Jenkins, Mrs. T. J. Wooldridge, and Mrs. May T. New were elected delegates to the Triennial Convention, with Miss Fletcher, president-elect. Alternates elected were: Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Miss Mary Wood Sumner, Mrs. E. L. Kemper, Mrs. E. L. McKinsey, and Mrs. Alice Maxwell. Mrs. A. B. Stoney was elected a new member of the nominating committee.

After an interesting talk by the Bishop

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on the work among the Indians at Cherokee and the plans for the erection of a Chapel there, it was voted to adopt this project for the Advance Work Offering for 1946.

The highlights of the meeting were talks by Miss Edna B. Beardsley, National Secretary of the U. T. O., and Mrs. Francis Clarkson, a prominent churchwoman of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Miss Beardsley spoke of the meaning of the U. T. O. She gave a brief history of the offering, told how the budget is made up, and of the new items being considered for the budget to be adopted at the Convention.

Mrs. Clarkson talked most interestingly and informatively on the Federal Council of Churches.

Other speakers giving special reports were Mrs. Manley Whisenant on the Thompson Orphanage, the Rev. C. G. Leavell on the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, and Mrs. Henry Laurens on the National Cathedral.

The budget for 1947, presented by Mrs. May T. New, was adopted after a lively discussion regarding the item of year books for each member of the Auxiliary.

The inspirational part of the meeting was the preparation service on Thursday evening followed by Holy Communion Friday morning.

At the close of Friday's session, the Bishop expressed his appreciation of Mrs. Stoney's fine leadership, and installed the new officers, closing with the benediction.

CHURCH SERVICES

LINCOLNTON: St. Luke's. Service every Sunday 11. Sunday School, 10. Communion, 1st Sunday, 11. 3rd, 8:30. St. Cyprians. Service every Sun. 7:30 P. M.

WOODSIDE: Our Savior. School. 2:15 Service 3 every Sunday. Communion, 2nd Sunday, 10. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 P. M. Rev. Grant Folmsbee.

A Visit to the General Theological Seminary

By Father Sill

I have been visiting my old Seminary in New York, attending the Commencement exercises, which included on one day the annual meeting of the Alumni Association. We have a Western North Carolina diocesan Alumni association, of which I am the president, there being 10 alumni of the General in our diocese. We had a supper and meeting at Bishop Gribbin's last year; Bishop Gribbin is both an alumnus and a trustee of the Seminary.

I felt it an honor to represent our group at this annual meeting at the General. There was a Choral Requiem for the departed alumni of the past year, with the students assisting in rendering the service. This was followed by a business meeting, election of officers, etc. A paper was then read in regard to the need of more uniformity in our common worship by the Rev. Morton Stone. Luncheon was a happy occasion.

As one passes through the entrance to the brick building on 9th Avenue (between 20th and 21st Streets), a surprise awaits one in the beautiful campus, extensive lawns, many trees, vines on the halls and dormitories, and, just now, borders of variegated iris along the paths. In the center of the campus is the large and beautiful Chapel of The Good Shepherd, with its lofty tower. And this attractive spot is found on the lower west side of the city, in the midst of apartments and other dwelling houses and office buildings. One senses an atmosphere of the retired cloistered life. There still stands a three-storied stone building, in its own setting, one of the original Seminary buildings, erected in 1835. It is called "Christmas House", because of the tradition that Dr. Clement C. Moore, a Professor at the Seminary, had it in mind in writing the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas".

A special feature of this Commencement was the unveiling of a portrait of Bishop Matthews, retired bishop of New

Jersey, in Seabury Hall. The bishop has been a friend and benefactor of the Seminary, as he has also been to us in our diocese. He has a home near Bat Cave.

The General Seminary is the largest of our seminaries, and is under the trusteeship of the National Church. We have at present one student there from our diocese. The course of study is three years. The Very Rev. Hughell E. W. Fosbroke, D. D., LL. D., is Dean.

McKEOWN TAKES CHARGE OF BOONE

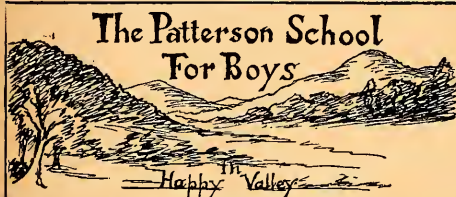
The Rev. James McKeown, of the Diocese of South Florida, arrived the middle of June to assume his duties as priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Boone, and associate missions at Todd, Beaver Creek, and Glendale Springs.

Mr. McKeown, who was ordained to the Priesthood on June 12 by Bishop Louttit, Suffragen Bishop of South Florida, has just completed a year's study at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., receiving the degree of Master of Arts in Rural Sociology. He was graduated from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in 1943, and from the Theological School of that University in 1945.

Mr. McKeown, who is married and has one child, has taken up residence in Boone.

OUR COVER

On the cover of this issue is a recent picture of St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, which is to have a new rector, the Rev. Ralph Webster, until recently a missionary in Porto Rico. Fr. Webster begins his work at Rutherfordton on July 1.



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Young Churchmen

By Ann Shuford

The young people of the Diocese have much for which to be thankful. The Church gives so many things that are taken for granted and for which appreciation is neither shown nor spoken.

Sixty young people of the Diocese were given a week of living, working, playing and worshipping together at Patterson School, June 9-15, at the annual camp held there under the direction of the Rev. Charles Leavell. Classes were held each morning from 9:15 to 12:45. The afternoons were devoted to athletics and swimming, and the evenings were filled with entertainment of all kinds, from singing around the camp fire to short skits and square dancing in the library building of the school.

Services were held twice daily, at 7:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M., together with noon-day prayers for Missions.

One of the features of this year's camp was "Church Ways in Pictures", a course given by the Rev. W. C. Leach each day. Through the new art of visual education, the young people learned about the Church appointments, Church history, the Holy Communion, etc.

A high-light of the week was the candlelight service on Friday evening, at which time the Young Churchmen presented an offering of \$250.00 to Mr. G. F. Wiese to help with the building of a new chapel for the School. The presentation was made by Miss Helen Thomas, president of the young people, to Mr. Wiese.

On Friday afternoon, the annual Convention of Young Churchmen was held, and Miss Helen Thomas was re-elected president for another year. Miss Ann Shuford, of Fletcher, was elected vice-president, and Miss Betsy Barber, of Morganton, secretary. A steering committee of three young people was elected to assist and advise in the planning

of the 1947 Camp. They were Miss Mary Turner, Hendersonville, Miss Barbara Chandler, Asheville, and Miss Thomas.

It was announced that copies of the Song Book of the Young Churchmen, which have been printed, are on sale for 10¢ per copy. They may be obtained from Miss Helen Thomas, 401 N. Marietta St., Gastonia, N. C.

Following the meeting of the Convention, the Youth Commission met informally and set August 13 as the date for the next meeting of the Youth Commission. This meeting will be held in Morganton at 10 A. M.

RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE FUND

The National Council reports that up to May 1, they have received a total of \$6,805,872 towards the goal of \$8,800,000. The National Council states that the record to date reveals cause for both encouragement and concern. There have been individuals, parishes, and diocese which have responded with sacrificial loyalty. Others have not as yet given full support to this Reconstruction and Advance Fund. They ask that every Diocese and every Parish continue its effort until it can honestly feel that it is carrying its share of the total load.

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NEWS FROM NW. N. C.

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Mary's, Blowing Rock, where he has been holding services during the past winters.

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St. John's Church, Valle Crucis, has just been re-covered. Through the untiring efforts of Mr. Robert Yates, sufficient funds were raised to buy the material, and volunteer labor from around the church put the roof on. St. John's is the oldest of our churches in this section, having been built in 1862 under the direction of the Rev. William Skiles who had come to the mission field to work under Bishop Ives. A Sunday School and Church services are now being planned for St. John's.

SOUTHERN RURAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP SCHOOL OPENS

The Province of Sewanee, the Diocese of Western North Carolina, and the Board of Domestic Missions of the National Council, are cooperating in a

school for the training of rural workers at Valle Crucis this summer. The school opened June 17 with a two weeks orientation course. Following this, there will be field work in surrounding communities in Western North Carolina.

The student body consists of clergy and women workers. At the close of the school, there will be a week of conferences in conjunction with the clergy Conference of Mountain Workers.

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I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.

I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.

I am not large enough to buy a box of candy.

I am too small to buy a ticket for the movie.

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240.00	-----	Rutherfordton, St. Francis' -----	624.64	5.75
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72.00	72.00	Waynesville, Grace -----	134.20	134.00
24.00	18.00	Wilkesboro, St. Paul's -----	100.80	82.35
 <i>ORGANIZED MISSIONS</i>				
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12.00	12.00	Asheville, The Redeemer -----	37.82	53.56
12.00	12.00	Asheville, St. Luke's -----	22.57	29.75
10.00	10.00	Asheville, Trinity Chapel -----	45.14	6.82
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30.00	-----	Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. -----	63.44	-----
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8.00	-----	Lincolnton, St. Paul's -----	9.76	-----
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12.00	-----	Morganton, St. Mary's -----	18.30	15.50
10.00	-----	Penland, Good Shepherd -----	30.50	46.38
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WOMEN GIVE \$1,000,000

Meeting at the same time as the Episcopal General Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary Triennial Meeting brings delegates from every part of the world. During the Convention, which runs from September 10 to 20, and which will be housed at the University of Pennsylvania, the Woman's Auxiliary will present its United Thank Offering, which is gathered during the past three years,

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As to the Presbyterians

Human curiosity being what it is, all sorts of speculation is rife as to what will happen at Philadelphia in regard to the overtures toward union with what is popularly spoken of as the Northern Presbyterian Church. Some are so optimistic in one direction that they are expecting by at least September 20 that we will all be Presbypalians; others have made tentative arrangements for lodgings in the Vatican, if anything of the sort happens.

While we are sorry to dash these hopes and fears the solid fact remains that nothing definite can happen before the meeting of the Lambeth Conference, the body to which is referred by courtesy, anything in the nature of drastic action by any segment of the Anglican Communion. So the question is a far larger one than as to what is done or said at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The answer as to what of binding character will be enacted at Philadelphia is "nothing".

So let us drive away these bogey man fears and get down to the question of

how we can work together for the greater good of the Church of Western North Carolina.

Chit-Chat

Sometimes the casual conversations on porches and in parlors at summer resorts are revealing. And sometimes these revelations are rather shocking to Christian sensibilities.

Now here in the South most people of the type able to enjoy a vacation have some sort of Christian affiliation. Yet to hear them talk one would think that religion was something for which each individual had his own safety-deposit box, which he kept locked up in the vault of the Church of his allegiance. To hear the problems of today's troubled world discussed, sounds as if all that people desired was to get what they could snatch for themselves with no regard for human misery and suffering, and that they believed that there was no possibility that the precepts of the Nazarene could have any but the shadowiest acceptance.

This unfortunate condition is due to the time-lag between the vision of the Church of a generation ago and that of today. Then it was perfectly possible to remind the pulpit that if matters affecting human society were touched upon, no pay-check would be forthcoming. The clergy in effect was signed up to "yellow dog" contracts. Now all that is past, and the real lay leaders in our congregations want a spiritual guide who will interpret to them the times in which they live. One of these days this attitude will trickle down to the rank and file, and men and women will see that selfish and self-seeking Christians are in reality atheists. In the meantime let all right minded people lift up their voices to hasten the day.

Our Cover

Our cover picture this month is of the Chapel at Christ School, Arden. The Rev. Gale D. Webbe is Chaplain.

The Four Rs.

The Church School adds another R to the three usually considered as basic to education. The fourth R is RELIGION. The state supported school is not allowed to include Religion in its curriculum.

Those who work for Church Schools and sacrifice to maintain them believe that religion gives meaning to education as it does to the rest of life.

The reason why any part of our life is to be directed towards God is the reason why all of it should be so turned. It may be said that religion interprets knowledge, pointing out that knowing the truth makes one free. God's service is perfect freedom. Religion also integrates the "broken shafts" of knowledge tracing their origin to the fountain of all wisdom, the "One God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible."

From the Church Schools have come many of our leaders whose understanding of their duty to God and country has helped to hold before us the vision of God's kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop.

Christian Education: Whither Bound?

By The Rev. Vesper Ottmer Ward, S. T. M.

We are witnessing the end of the Christian Era. No longer dare the Church be content with the function of maintaining a sanction for a secular order of life; because the Church can no more serve God and Mammon than can the saint.

If the Church is ever to come into her real heritage, necessarily she must rediscover a technique of Christian Education that will enable her members, both young and old, to grasp the full significance of her heritage. She must efficiently interpret her genius to Herself. She must inspire loyalty and devotion to her Redeeming Life. All serious attempt to achieve this end was abandoned when we turned over the educational process to secular control. The key to the paganism of modern culture, in the main, is to be found in the secular character of the educational procedure.

Secularism in modern education has created a climate which blasts Christian idealism in the bud. This process cannot be counteracted by the teaching of Bible Stories, Church History, and the contents of the Prayerbook. Christian Education begins with a changed heart. It is complete only when the whole nervous system of an individual functions harmoniously in terms of Christian Idealism. Christian attitudes are contagious. A Christian teacher of English, of Civics, is more crucial to a program of Christian Education than a department of Sacred Studies. Our whole system of Sunday Schools, Week-Day Schools and Church Educational Institutions must be revamped and remotivated if ever we are to be able to impart the Christian faith to the Church's youth. It is time that all Churchmen who are interested in Christian Education began to think in terms of an organic, an expressive, and an adequate educational procedure, manned and controlled by the Church and functioning in such manner as to mold the Church's children into intelligent and loyal members of the Christian Community including the family and the parish. The Body of Christ will be paralyzed until this goal is attained.

. . . . reprinted from "The Pacific Churchman."

Christchurch School

Christchurch, Virginia

Christchurch School for boys was founded in 1921, one of seven schools sponsored by the diocese of Virginia. It is located on the Rappahannock River in Tidewater, Virginia, about 17 miles from Chesapeake Bay. The school grounds consist of ninety-five acres of rolling land, partly open and partly wooded. Although in the country the school is readily accessible by bus to Norfolk, Richmond, Washington and Baltimore.

The Lower School covers the work of grades seventh through ninth, and the Upper School carries on through the twelfth grade. With an enrollment limited to sixty boys, classes are small, and individual attention can be given, without regimentation.

The life at school is one of simplicity. Each boy makes his own bed, sweeps his own cubicle, and they all take turns in sweeping the halls and classrooms, and in partial waiting on the table.

In athletics the school has teams in six-man football, basketball and baseball, with games scheduled with neighboring schools. Intramural sports consist of soccer, softball, tennis and such. In the fall and spring the school waterfront is the scene of much activity in sailing, swimming and crabbing. The school maintains six sailboats, six skiffs, and a motor boat. Further recreation is found in fishing, hunting, and in the school workshop.

The school curriculum is the standard college preparatory course with each boy taking English grammar, composition and literature, mathematics, science and history. The atmosphere is that of a Christian community, with evening chapel services held six nights a week in the school Chapel. On Sundays the boys attend old Christ Church. Two classes a week in Sacred Studies are a feature of each boy's schedule.

Patterson School For Boys

Legerwood, North Carolina

As September 3, 1946, the opening of another school year at Patterson School approaches, an outline of our work and aims is in order. Founded by the Hon. and Mrs. Samuel Legerwood Patterson, who bequeathed to the Church their ancestral home and 1,300 acres estate of fertile farm and forest land for the purpose of providing worthy boys with an academic education, to which would be added training in agriculture and mechanics, under spiritual auspices, it has for the thirty-five years of its history been shaped by these ideals.

As a Church School, Patterson holds religious training and character development to be the most important reason for its existence, and the basis of the spiritual, cultural, and vocational ways of life. Religion is not taught as a separate subject or in a particular place, but permeates every phase of the life of the school.

The Junior and Senior high school course, consisting of grades 7 through 12, is accredited by the State of North Carolina, and prepares the student for college or university if that is his desire. Scholastic standards are high; yet, because of carefully chosen teachers, small classes, and supervised study periods, boys often learn better than in public school.

Patterson stresses a well-rounded education for life, which includes learning to earn a living and to live with others in a democracy. Class work in agriculture, industrial arts, and typing is supplemented by practical work on the farm, about the school, and in the office. Each boy carries his share of the daily work and learns by so doing. The income from the farm serves to hold board and tuition charges to their present moderate level.

Opportunities for hiking, mountain climbing, fishing, hunting, and swimming abound, while baseball, basketball, and other sports are enjoyed on the ath-



Horner Hall, Administration Building at Appalachian School

letic field. The school boasted a winning basketball team this past season and all inter-school contests in either sport were characterized by fair play and an excellent spirit.

Thus, with a balanced program of worship, study, work, and play, Patterson provides an atmosphere designed to develop the best in a boy's life and to prepare him to be a well-equipped, Christian citizen and leader in his community.

Appalachian School

Penland, North Carolina

Schooling, like any business or domestic occupation, is not particularly a series of crises or a succession of notable incidents. In fact it is rather the return of trivial rounds and common tasks. However, in these our lives are strengthened and built towards the full participation of life in the Kingdom of God. As ordinarily conceived any home, but more especially the Christian home, is a haven of refuge and rest from the turmoils of life as we create them. It is for this reason that the

Church has always guided her children, young and old; and nurtured with particular solicitude those who are for any reason displaced from the situations ordinarily considered normal. It is with this in mind that the Diocese through the facilities of Appalachian School offers the combined advantages of home and school for children of the first seven grades; aged six to twelve. Many families of modest means from numerous southern states avail themselves of these opportunities. For this reason our enrollment has to be limited in order that we can give the necessary careful supervision which makes for the children the intimate relationship between environment and school life which is one of the objectives of parent-teacher associations.

Our material and spiritual needs are commensurate with the times, but it is not within the scope of these remarks to make any appeal. Those interested can easily communicate with Appalachian School in order to be informed how they may assist. As ever we solicit your continued prayers and assistance in order that we may give to the Church of our best.

Sewanee

By Father Sill

The state of Tennessee was formed originally out of North Carolina territory, and one of the main streams of travel from one state to the other in the past, as at present, was in following the course of the French Broad River. The establishment of the Church in Tennessee was promoted by the first two bishops of North Carolina, Bishops Ravenscroft and Ives, in their visits to Tennessee along this route of travel 100 years and more ago. Bishop James H. Otey was the first bishop of Tennessee, a Virginian, though a graduate of the North Carolina University, and a disciple of Bishop Ravenscroft. Bishop Leonidas Polk, a North Carolinian, also a student at the University, but graduating from West Point, became the first bishop of Louisiana. It was decided by these two bishops, with others, clergy and laymen, that there should be a Church college and training school for the ministry in the Southern States, which resulted after preliminary conferences, in a meeting at a place, now known as Sewanee, on the Cumberland plateau. This was in 1860, a corner stone of a building being laid October 10th by Bishop Polk, with a large number of persons present. \$500,000 had been subscribed towards starting the college.

On account of the Civil War, in which Bishop Polk, as a general in the Confederate army, lost his life, it was not until the fall of 1868 that his and others' dream of a college was realized. Then nine students met with their teachers in a frame building at the place above mentioned.

Now the college, officially called the University of the South, has a capacity for 325 students in the Liberal Arts and Science Schools, for 40 in the Theological School, and for 200 boys in the Sewanee Military Academy, a prep school. Many fine buildings have been

erected, of native sandstone, halls, dormitories, library, chapel, etc., with attractive campus settings. There is a high tower, a part of the library building. The property consists of 10,000 acres, on the western rim of which one looks down on an expansive, rich, agricultural country.

The university is owned by 22 Southern dioceses, of which ours is one, three trustees from our diocese being elected by the diocesan convention, each serving a three year term. The present trustees are: The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Mr. Fred Lykes, and Dr. W. E. Wilmerding.

We have at present one clergyman in the diocese, a graduate of the Theological School, and no doubt others, graduated of the college. We should know about our University. An opportunity is given each year on Theological Sunday or otherwise to make an offering towards its support.

The Liberal Arts college of Sewanee is small in number of students, as compared with many other colleges to-day. Its ideals are that of a college, not of over 500 students, where "all shall be qualified for college work . . . an institution of higher learning where a student body, qualified for academic work would go far to lift the intellectual level of the South, to strengthen the South intellectual and moral vitality, and to provide a finer intellectual and moral leadership . . . The University was founded upon the concept of religion and spiritual ideals at the heart of the educational process. There never was a time when there was a greater need or a greater chance for an institution that stands squarely by the principle of religion in education and of the eternal value and nobility of spiritual ideals." These are recent words of Dr. Alexander Guerry, the Vice Chancellor of Sewanee, and its Executive Head.



WEBSTER NEW RECTOR AT RUTHERFORDTON

The Rev. Ralph K. Webster, formerly a missionary to Puerto Rico, has accepted a call to become rector of St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, and began his duties there on July 1. Father Webster, who was born in Warsaw, New York, spent most of his early life in Corning, N. Y.

Before entering the General Theological Seminary in 1940, Fr. Webster was for a time a volunteer lay missionary at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was ordained Deacon in February, 1943, at Corning, N. Y., and to the Priesthood in October, 1943, at Christ School, Arden, N. C., where he acted as Master and Assistant Chaplain during the school year 1943-1944. Fr. Webster received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the General Seminary in May, 1944. He married the former Harriett Virginia Farnsworth, of Horse Shoe, N. C., in 1944.

Fr. Webster went to Puerto Rico in

July, 1944, to organize and build a vocational and agricultural school for mountain boys, which was officially opened in August of the following year. Its name is Colegio Agricultura de San Jose and is officially accredited by the Insular Department of Education.

Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

A SPANISH SAINT — "MOTHER OF CARMEL", by E. Allison Peers, Morehouse-Gorham Co.

Professor Peers, after his intense study of the Spanish mystics of the sixteenth century, is one of those best fitted to interpret them for us. And in Teresa of Avila he has chosen one who should be a Saint for common people. She was never technical in her approach to God. Though of good family, her formal education was not carried beyond average for her time and station. In her writings she admits her inability to express herself.

Another part of her charm is the freshness which she combines with her simplicity. Her writings were never intended for publication. Some grew out of a diary which one of her early confessors advised her to keep. Others were simply her instructions to the nuns of the small convents which she founded. Essentially her devotional works are simply the record of one who has been with God herself. There is never the suggestion of the studied art of one who advises others of the way to a goal he has not reached.

Of course not all parts of "Mother of Carmel" will be of equal interest to church people of today. We may care little for the number of convents which she founded, or the ecclesiastical politics of Spain. But Teresa the Saint, who without any formal training in theology but by love and devotion alone found her way to God, and Teresa the Writer who has told what she found, these will always mean much to Christians who truly desire holy lives.

Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

What Can I Do For My Parish Church?

Once a young Japanese student was being examined for Holy Orders. One of his examiners said to him "Suppose a man were to ask you 'What must I do to be saved?', what would you say to him?" The student is said to have promptly replied: "I would look him straight in the eye and say, Mister, do you mean it?"

Some people do ask the question "What can I do for my Parish?" Some of them mean it.

The Office of Instruction, Prayer Book, page 291, gives a good general answer. It says your duty as a member of the Church is: 1.—to follow Christ. 2.—to worship God every Sunday in his Church. 3.—to work. 4.—to pray. 5.—to give for the spread of his kingdom.

Number 1 is so general that it includes all the others. Number 2 certainly includes number 4, and, for some people, it would also include number 3. If the old Latin proverb, "Orare est laborare" to pray is to work, is true, then, number 4 would include number 3.

Since no two people are alike, and, since your Parish may be a peculiar Parish (all of them are peculiar), it may be well for you to talk this matter over with your rector. In any case, every parish gives every member an opportunity to do, at least, one of the five things mentioned above. It just is not true to say "My Parish does not give me anything to do."

Some people not only serve their parish churches with gladness while they are alive, but remember them in their wills in the hope that they will be perpetuated for generations to come. Ask your rector about this.

Sidney Dark, who edited "The Church Times" (London) for sixteen years, says: "If religion is to have a new invigorating influence—its inspiration will

come from the parish church." You ask a good question when you want to know what you can do for your Parish. May many others ask it and mean it!

Youth News

By Ann Shuford

The Young Peoples Service League of Grace Church, Morganton, recessed after their June 2nd meeting for the summer season. Their full program of activities will be resumed in the fall with the beginning of school. Several picnics and other social events have been planned for this summer. Though their regular meetings have been recessed for awhile the young people will not be idle in their parish. The Junior Altar Guild has taken over the responsibility of all Altar work each Sunday as they have in the past for the summer season. In addition to giving the Senior Altar Guild a rest this work will add much to the experience of these young people.

The Young Churchman's Club of Calvary Church, Fletcher, held its first formal meeting on July 14th since the new officers were elected. The officers for this year are Miss Sarah Baldwin, President; Floyd Finch, Vice President; William Bowles, Secretary; and Charles Jones, Treasurer. Miss Helen Thomas, President of the Diocesan Youth, was present for this meeting and spoke briefly. She asks that all the young people of the Diocese send to her any suggestions or ideas they think might help her when she attends the Youth Convention in Philadelphia in September. The young people of Calvary are now planning to help in many ways with a Parish bazaar to be given on August 15th in the Parish House by the Woman's Auxiliary to raise funds to be used in building a new Parish House.

About fifty young people and adult leaders from Edneyville, Bat Cave, Upward, and Hendersonville, had a joint meeting at St. James, Hendersonville, Sunday evening, June 16, to hear Dr. George Bond from Bat Cave speak on his plans for medical care for all com-

munities in this area. The need for this has been great and the first big step has been taken with the opening of the Valley Clinic at Bat Cave earlier this summer. He expressed his hope to have more posts scattered around this part of Western North Carolina so our country people can have immediate medical care.

Young Dr. Bond was a member of the St. James Service League in Hendersonville while attending high school here.

After the meeting the group enjoyed refreshments and group singing.

The youth of Banner Elk are cooperating with all the Church people there to get organized adult and youth church work started. At present evening services are held on Sundays. Here's wishing all the good church people, both young and old, success.

DEL NERO HONORED AT SHELBY

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, entertained on June 27 at a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Jose Del Nero, of Brazil. Mr. Del Nero is spending the summer in the Diocese, assisting the Rev. Grant Folmsbee of Lincolnton. Mr. Del Nero made a short talk about Brazil, his native country, with particular emphasis on the work of the Episcopal Church there.

NEW PRESIDENT NAMED FOR ST. MARY'S

Dr. Richard G. Stone of Atlanta, Ga., has accepted the presidency of St. Mary's School and Junior College, Raleigh. Dr. Stone succeeds Mrs. Ernest Cruikshank who is retiring after serving for 14 years.

St. Mary's new president was a Captain in the Army, attached to the Security and Intelligence Division of the Fourth Service Command. Before entering the service, he was professor of History and Economics at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

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Women's Auxiliary News

To the Women of the Auxiliary,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I send greetings through the pages of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** to each woman of the Auxiliary, to those whom I know, and to each one I have yet to meet.

There are great tasks ahead of us. They can be met only as each and every woman seeks a deeper knowledge of our Lord and Saviour and through a personal awareness of His sufficiency for herself, her family, the Church and the world, lifts her eyes to the vision, not only of the world as it might be, but as it must be. We cannot rest content; still waters only stagnate and poison; we must press onward toward a world as God has planned it, but can only achieve as we submit our wills to His, and work in accordance with His plan.

The great Triennial meeting of our Woman's Auxiliary will meet in Philadelphia September 10 to 20. It is your meeting, will you not pray daily now and during the meeting for your delegates and for all the women there, as well as for the General Convention. Watch the papers and follow what is done. Personal reports of the delegates will be brought to you at the District meetings in October.

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BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT VALLE CRUCIS

A very successful Bible School has just been completed at Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis. Twenty-five children were enrolled under the tutelage of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson and Miss Elizabeth Sumner, all of whom are students at the Southern Rural Church Leadership School.

A ten-day preaching mission was also held, with priests and other students from the School helping Father Leach.

A successful Bible School was also held at St. John the Baptist, Lower Valle Crucis. Due to the interest already generated by the renovation of the Church, and with the Bible School, regular Sunday services are now being conducted.

St. Anthony's, Dutch Creek, is holding a Bible School with twenty children enrolled. It is hoped that this, too, will lead to the formation of a regular Sunday School.

CHRIST SCHOOL GIVEN LARGE TRACT

A gift of 509 acres of land to Christ School, Arden, by Mrs. Douglas Nye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wetmore, founders of the school, has been announced by the trustees.

The property represents all but about 70 acres of the Wetmore estate and adjoins the school. The deed was presented at a meeting of the trustees on July 8, at which time four new members were added. They are: Wilson Cunningham, of Winston-Salem; Curtis Bynum, Kingsland Van Winkle and Mrs. Nye.

It was also announced that the Diocese has deeded all of the property used by the school, except the plot on which the chapel stands, to the school, which is now "on its own".

The report of the headmaster, Mr. David Harris, showed that the finances of the school, founded in 1900, are in excellent condition. An enrollment of

140 boys has been received, and 200 other applications were turned down.

The campaign to raise funds for the erection of a gymnasium is progressing nicely. The sum of \$6,000 has already been raised toward the fund, which is expected to reach \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Officers of Christ School, Inc. are: The Rt. Rev. R. E. Gribbin, president; Mr. William M. Redwood, vice-president; Mr. H. M. Heywood, secretary-treasurer.

CHURCH CONGRESS TO MEET

The Western North Carolina Regional Church Congress will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at Trinity Church, Asheville, the Rev. J. P. Burke, President, has announced. Speakers and subject will be announced later. Make a note of the date now!

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General Convention Meets

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church meets in Philadelphia on September 10th. When the Convention opens, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies will be representing 74 dioceses and 29 missionary districts of the Church. At the same time, the Woman's Auxiliary will hold its Triennial Meeting. In addition, most of the other organizations of the Church have scheduled a national meeting, to be held at some time during the ten days of the General Convention. The United Movement of the Church's Youth will meet September 13-15.

Highlight of the General Convention this year will be the presence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, who will deliver a number of speeches at special dinners while the Convention is on.

The two issues of major interest which will come before the Convention are the proposed union of the Episcopal and Presbyterian (Northern) Churches, and the proposed revision of the Marriage Canon.

But this is not the only important business to be taken up. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, has reached the canonical age for retirement, so it will be necessary to elect a new Presiding Bishop. The House of Deputies will fill the important post of president of the House. The program and budget of the Church for the three years ahead must be adopted. All in all, the 150 bishops and more than 600 clerical and lay deputies at the 55th General Convention have many important things to come before them.



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Again The Church Congress

It is with great satisfaction that we note that a meeting of the regional Church Congress is planned at Trinity Church, Asheville to take place very shortly after this issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is in your hands.

Such a fine organization as the Church Congress needs no defense or eulogy from us. Suffice it to say that its presence in our midst will do more for our diocesan life than any one agency. However it must be remembered that the good done by a force that operates in the sphere of education matures slowly. We can not expect to see immediate results. Those who further the Church Congress are not experts who claim to be able to diagnose and cure all diocesan ills. Instead they are pedagogues who open up to us vistas of a richer, fuller and happier Church life. Not that we believe that the diocese suffers from any serious ailments, acute or chronic. It is, however, most stimulating to know that we have in our midst an agency that acts like a vitamin to keep us sound and healthy.

Peace

It is with great sorrow that we find ourselves unable to shut our ears to the clamor of war talk, dinned into us over the radio and to a lesser extent reflected in the press. One thing is sure. If people make up their minds that a third world war is in the offing it will surely come.

Our duty as Christians is clear. We must think and pray over the situation until we have confidence that the Master can lead the world into the ways of peace. The disturbing fact is that so many people are repeating statements the sources of which they can not verify.

That the world is in a sad state no one can deny, but we should remember that we have the constructive duty of casting in our lot with those forces which believe that impatience, greed, ultra-nationalism etc., while very stubborn ills, can be cured and that the cure lies in the Christian religion.

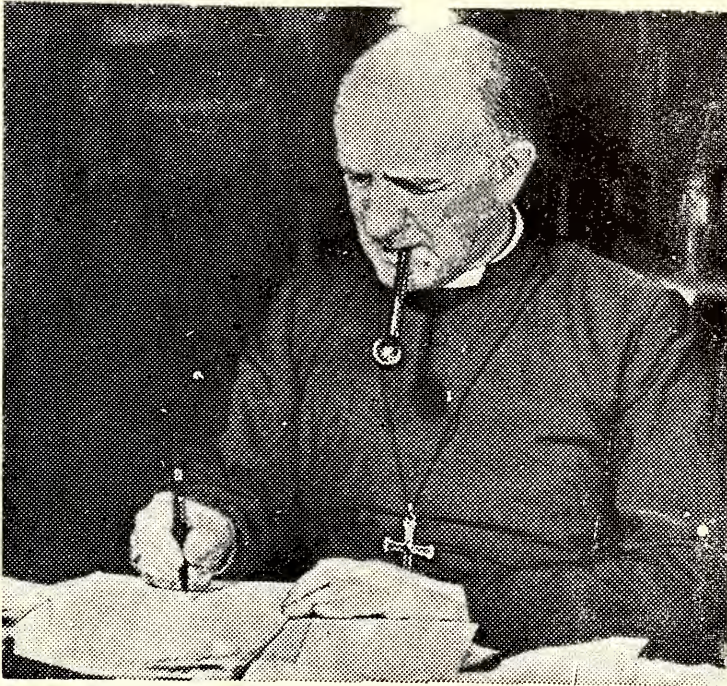
In Memoriam

To many the passing from this world of Mrs. Hiram Richard Hulse will be a grievous loss. Mrs. Hulse has lived in Asheville for many years and while health prevented her from taking part in any strenuous activities she yet made a wide circle of friends who were endeared to her because of the natural sweetness and wholesomeness of her nature. Just as since Bishop Hulse's death we have missed his visits to our diocese and friendly interest in us and our affairs, so likewise we feel poorer because we shall not again see Mrs. Hulse in this world.

May her soul by the mercy of God rest in peace and may Light Perpetual shine upon her.

Our Cover

Our cover picture for this month is of the Church of the Redeemer, Craggy Road, Asheville. The church, situated on a bluff overlooking the French Broad River on the outskirts of Asheville, was built over fifty years ago by a physician from England.



The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Geoffrey Francis Fisher, D. D., Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, attended the sessions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which met in Philadelphia. The Archbishop was being entertained by various Church and educational organizations, in Philadelphia, New York, Princeton, Washington, Boston and elsewhere. The Archbishop is the 98th Archbishop of Canterbury. In the history of the Episcopal Church in the United States, this was but the second time an archbishop of Canterbury has visited its General Convention.

Highlights From The Address of The Archbishop of Canterbury

For the second time in history, an Archbishop of Canterbury is allowed to address your General Convention. I count it a very high privilege to be received by you in this way.

... And first a word about the Church of England. From it, of course, originated historically all the Churches of the Anglican Communion, sometimes by its active energies, sometimes as in this country in spite of its really deplorable in-advertence. But that genealogical tree no longer fits the situation. What matters is that spread over the world are at least thirteen autonomous, national Churches, all members of this Anglican Communion; and in addition, covering almost all the

rest of the world are a large number of dioceses on the way to becoming national Churches, with their own established life, but still looking for final jurisdiction to a mother Church. Here is a great family of churches within the Holy Catholic Church, which for reasons I will refer to later has its own special task and responsibility within the whole task of the whole Church.

... I need not, I think, expound to you what I mean by the Anglican Tradition; for it is what you mean by it also. It has its strong Catholic element—which emphasizes the historic continuity and organized life of the Church, as the appointed channel of the Divine Grace through Creed, Ministry and Sacraments. It has its strong Evangelical element, which emphasizes Gospel before Church, personal conversion before corporate expression of it, spiritual immediacy, the direct response to the Holy Spirit wherever He may breathe. It has its third strong element, not easy to give a name to, which acts as a watchdog of both the other elements and brings into our tradition a special element of intellectual integrity, of sobriety and moderation of judgment, of moral earnestness, an element which is as aware of what we do not know as of what we do, which does not wish to go beyond the evidence but to judge all things with a large and reasonable charity. No Anglican should be without something of all these elements.

... It is because we are by the Grace of God what we are in the Anglican Communion that we have so important a part to play, as I think, in the difficult field of reunion.

... What I wish to do is only to emphasize the importance of our position in this field and to give an illustration of it. The Church of England is in full communion with the Old Catholics in Europe, and in a relation not far short of full communion with some of the Orthodox Churches. That on the one side: on the other we are in communion with the Lutheran Episcopal Churches of Sweden and Finland. No other Communion but ours could be such a unifying influence. Owing to our position, at once Catholic and reformed, we can hold out hands of friendship in both directions and be interpreters of the one to the other.

... As I have said, the Anglican Communion embraces many national Churches, provincial in name or character and a large number of diocese not yet organized as sepaarte provinces or national Churches. They are spread all over the world. The name Anglican is already a misnomer; it indicates their remote origin; but it does not at all describe their present condition. They are indigenous Churches, not only here and in England and in the British dominions, but in India, China, Japan, Ceylon, Africa, East and West. Wherever they are, they stand for a particular tradition within the Holy Catholic Church of Christ; and until that tradition is taken up into a wider fellowship, they must cohere.

... What is the final authority within our Communion? The Bible has its authority with us—but it does not stand alone. Tradition, the working out in history of the Christian faith, has its authority—but it does not stand alone. Empiricism, the living voice of today's thought and spiritual experience, has its authority, but it does not stand alone. The past has shown that any one of these, taken in isolation as the one authority, leads to confusion and loss. Each requires constant correction from the others. We believe that in each the Holy Spirit speaks to us, though in each what He would say may be misinterpreted by the fallibility of man. We rely upon the followship of the Holy Spirit ... speaking to us through a fellowship of authorities. That is our unity.

... The Book of Common Prayer unites us not by the letter of it but because it represents the union of Scripture and Tradition and Empiricism which is the mark of our tradition.

General Convention News

OPENING SERVICE

The Opening Service of the 55th General Convention, held in the Municipal Auditorium at Philadelphia was impressive, well-managed and beautiful. The huge auditorium was filled with an estimated 14,000 persons. The stage had been transformed into a beautiful, artistic sanctuary which actually achieved the atmosphere of a Cathedral. An Altar 16 feet long was surmounted by a Cross eight feet high, which was flanked by six Candlesticks, each six feet in height. Behind the Altar hung a beautiful red dossal, mixed with gold and blue, matching the frontal on the Altar itself. The entire floor of the Sanctuary down to the floor level of the auditorium was covered with a beautiful red carpet.

The procession was composed of more than 600 clergy from all parts of the world, followed by more than 150 bishops, who, in turn, were followed by the Archbishop of the West Indies, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Presiding Bishop.

Following the service of Morning Prayer, Presiding Bishop Tucker preached. His sermon was a plea for a genuine sense of stewardship on the part of people, whose possessions may be great or small, but are, none the less, gifts of God.

At the Offertory, the Reconstruction and Advance Fund was presented by representatives of the Dioceses and Missionary Districts. The total was \$7,057,919.

GENERAL CONVENTION ELECTS LAYMAN PRESIDENT

The election of Mr. Justice Owen J. Roberts as President of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, a keen parliamentarian, with humor, judgment, absolute fairness and complete understanding of all that went on, marked the first time that a layman had been so elected. The late Frederic C. Morehouse was once made

president pro tem, but no layman previously has been placed in the chair by a regular election to the office.

The Rev. Dr. C. Rankin Barnes was elected secretary of the House of Deputies, following the long service of the Rev. Franklin J. Clark, secretary also of the National Council.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION DELAYED

The proposed basis of union with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. (commonly called the Northern Presbyterian Church) was delayed until the next General Convention. There were two reports, majority and minority, and both were received with expressions of appreciation. The Commission on Approaches to Unity is continued, and it was asked to prepare a statement of faith and order which is in harmony with the Lambeth Quadrilateral. By this action, the General Convention stated its disapproval of the plan proposed in the majority report of the Commission. Greetings and gratitude for "brotherly courtesy" were extended to the Presbyterian body, with the request that its Department of Church Unity and Cooperation prepare a similar formulation. The Lambeth Conference of 1948 will be asked to set up a Standing Committee on the reunion of Christendom to consider all specific approaches to unity in which any Church of the Anglican Communion is concerned.

Department of Promotion

The Department of Promotion of the Diocese met at Trinity Church, Asheville, on Wednesday, October 2 and passed a resolution as follows:

Resolved that the Department of Promotion, in the furtherance of the Every Member Canvas in the Diocese does offer its services to every parish and mission to inform and assist in its plans and work.

Triennial Auxiliary Meeting Held

Four thousand women of the Church attended their Triennial Meeting, made a great Corporate Communion of thanksgiving, and presented the United Thank Offering of \$1,631,576.21, the largest such offering in its 60 year history. The program of the Triennial was deeply spiritual in emphasis, with daily meditations, studies of the Christian faith, Home, Community, and World problems, as they sought truly to learn the mind of our Lord and to prepare to be His emissaries to a needy world in a crucial time. Women figured in the House of Deputies, also, when for the first time a woman, Mrs. Randolph Dyer, of the Diocese of Missouri, was seated as a lay deputy.

New Canon On Holy Matrimony Passed

The General Convention approved a new canon on Holy Matrimony, which some bishops have regarded as a liberalization of Church Law, while others say it is a "tightening". A canon that can be so described may leave something to be desired but the new canon certainly places more responsibility upon the bishops, and provides that individual cases shall be judged upon their merits. Also it definitely represents an honest attempt to interpret the mind of our Lord applied to life as it is, rather than as it should be ideally.

THE NEXT GENERAL CONVENTION

The House of Deputies on Sept. 19th accepted the invitation of the Diocese of California to hold the Convention of 1949 in San Francisco. It was provided that the Convention open on Monday, Sept. 26 and continue through Saturday, Oct. 8th, subject to change to another September date by the Presiding Bishop.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONVENTION HOLDS FIRST MEETING

Youth of the Church held their first national convention September 14 and 15. Nearly 300 delegates and their adult advisors talked seriously of the problems of the world today; of youth's place and youth's work in the Church. They discussed and planned a program for youth and by youth, including participation in every phase of the Church's program for rehabilitation and advance, dedicated themselves to study of inter-racial attitudes and relations, pledged support to the World Council of Churches, approved a plan for wheatless days to help feed the world's hungry, planned active cooperation in world relief, sent fraternal greetings to Christian youth in Japan, adopted a plan to promote family prayer in homes everywhere, approved of Christian Unity, and devoted their Youth Offering to training native Christian youth leadership in Japan.

Pleading for inter-racial understanding, the magnetic and forceful Bishop of Honolulu, Harry S. Kennedy said: "We come to conventions and tinker with the machinery of the Church. We pass legislation, all of which is doubtless necessary, but until we change the hearts and minds of men, until we teach them by word and example that God has made of one blood all nations of men, we have failed."

CHURCH GIVING NOT ENOUGH

Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, Treasurer of the National Council, reported at the General Convention that the giving of Church-people has increased, but not nearly enough. The year 1945 showed an increase of 27 per cent over 1943, and expectations for 1946 show a further increase, but still we are giving only \$1.25 per communicant per year for the General Church Program, which offers no reason for complacency or self-satisfaction.

Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

Why Do We Worship God?

This question was followed by two others: Why are you always urging us to make our communions? Does God want us to be continually bowing down to him?

The Bible, especially the Psalms, is filled with the worship and praise of God. The Book of the Acts, the best history of the earliest Christian Church, says this about the worship of the earliest Christians: "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, *Praising God* and having favour with all the people." Our Lord, Himself, says "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God."

In Prayer Book language, we worship and praise Him—for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ."

We praise God chiefly, not so much because we love Him, though we do praise Him for that reason, and certainly not because we diminish His glory if we do not, but because He loves us and true worship will make us more lovable and more given to bringing forth good fruit.

Our imperfections impede His love. True worship should help us to overcome these imperfections and give His love full sway with us. St. Paul says it is the goodness of God that leadeth us to a true and sound repentance. It is difficult, if not impossible, for a normal person to listen to and meditate upon the beautiful liturgy of the Church without, in some measure, being reminded of God's love and goodness. These reminders should lead to repentance and reformation, and, these in turn, should make more lovable creatures. This is God's will for us. It was to this end that he created us. The sacraments

supply the needed grace. Yes, God demands our worship, our bowings down and our risings up. It was not until the prodigal began to think of his father's house, his great possessions, his food and raiment and compared it to his own dire need that he could bring himself to a true and sound repentance.

God cannot need anything that we can give, but we need to give it. When your rector urges you to worship he may have many motives for so doing, but, it could be that he loves you.

Lackey Goes To Shelby

The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., son of the Rev. B. M. Lackey, of Lenoir, N. C., has taken up his work as Priest-in-charge of the Church of the Redeemer, Shelby. Mr. Lackey has served for the past two years as curate at St. Johns' parish, Waterbury, Conn.

Born in Raleigh on July 5, 1921, Lackey is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the Virginia Theological Seminary. At the University of North Carolina, he became a member of the University Band and Symphony as first flute soloist. He was a member of Phi Mu Alpha, honorary musical fraternity. At the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va., he was a member of the student council and president of the Senior Class of 1944.

NATIONAL DIOCESAN PRESS MEETS

At the General Convention, in Philadelphia, the National Diocesan Press held its regular meeting. The National Diocesan Press is the organization of Diocesan editors. The Rev. G. Ralph Madson, of Albany, Ga., was re-elected president, and the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup, of Asheville, N. C., secretary. Attendance was the largest in the eight years of the history of the organization. The Rev. Charles G. Leavell, of Morganton, Chairman of the Department of Promotion, was also present from Western North Carolina.

Folmsbee Leaves Lincolnton

The Rev. Grant Folmsbee, for the past two years rector of St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, has resigned to accept a call to Christ Church, Warrensburg, and Christ Church, Lexington, Missouri, both of which are in the Diocese of West Missouri.

Before going to Lincolnton, Mr.

Folmsbee was minister of the Community Church, Fontana Dam, N. C., having gone there in December, 1942. He attended Syracuse University and is a graduate of Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.

While in Lincolnton, Mr. Folmsbee taught Bible in the public schools of the community and was active in civic affairs.

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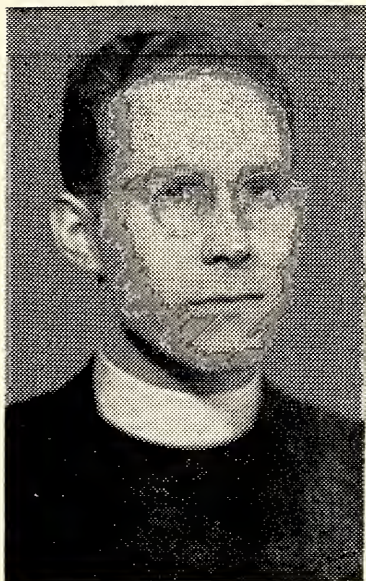
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Stroup Resigns

The Rev. Dudley J. Stroup has resigned as Priest-in-charge of the Church of the Redeemer and St. Luke's Church, Asheville, to accept a call as rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Rensselaer, New York. He will begin his new work there about November 1st.

Father Stroup, who has been in Asheville since his graduation from the General Seminary in 1944, is the son of the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hickory, and Mrs. Stroup.

At the General Convention in Philadelphia in September, Fr. Stroup was elected Secretary of the National Diocesan Press, an organization composed of the editors of all Church papers in the United States. He has been the Editor of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN since May, 1945, Secretary-Treasurer of the Convocation of Asheville since August, 1944, Youth Secretary of the Diocese, Secretary-Treasurer of the Regional Church Congress, a member of the Ecclesiastical Court, and a member of the Department of Promotion of the Diocese.

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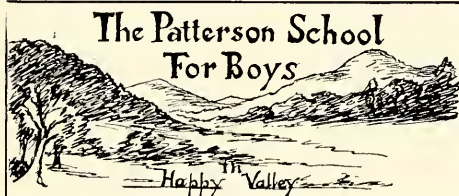
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Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

ANALYSIS OF OUR BELIEF:

"*The Idea of Christ in the Gospels, or God in Man*"; a critical essay by George Santayana. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1946.

For those interested in a bit of good reading, this is one of the best of the year. Santayana does not commit himself to any article of belief, but he writes of the Creed of the Church as a statement of objective fact in order to analyse all its implications.

First he considers three salient truths which the Church has affirmed about Christ, and shows how the Gospel record bears them out in His life. The effect of our Lord's consciousness that He was the Messiah and the Son of God and the Son of Man in His actions is described. Special attention is given to the effect on certain of His distinctive acts, such as His Parables, His Prayers, and His Passion. The first part of the book closes with a careful reconstruction of the Resurrection.

The second part consists of an analysis of the traditional assumptions of our religion. This, while less instructive, deserves no less attention. The author traces the implications of these assumptions without giving a definite conclusion. But no one approaching this book with Christian convictions will leave it without having reached a clearer understanding of his Faith.

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Young Churchmen

By Ann Shuford

At the regular meeting of the Youth Commission of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, held in Morganton on August 27, 1946, the following resolutions were adopted unanimously and were ordered presented to the Youth Convention in Philadelphia.

1. Resolved that the Christian youth of our Church seriously consider and prepare themselves in politics and government, regarding this vocation as an imperative life work for Christian men and women of our age.

2. Resolved that each section (town or state) of our nation with a race problem, solve that problem using as a basic working principle the fundamental law of Christian love.

3. Resolved that an immediate goal for all our youth be more cooperation between themselves and the youth groups of all other churches for the promotion of greater harmony and understanding, and that there may be, according to God's Will, one working Body under one Head, Jesus Christ.

Those present at the meeting were the Reverends Charles G. Leavell and D. J. Stroup, Misses Frances Lyman and Helen Thomas, president of the young people. The Rev. Mark Jenkins, Chairman, presided.

It was decided to redistrict the Diocese for the youth work. During the war years, due to travel difficulties, the Diocese was divided into six districts, but since this has been eased, it was felt that two districts would be sufficient. The two districts will be the same size and geographical area as the present Convocations.

An all youth convention of the Diocese will be held annually. Further plans for the next meeting will be announced later.

Trinity League, of Asheville, now has two new counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Lee. They have done much to improve the meetings. A poll was conducted to find the subjects most people

were interested in. The young people are very interested in guild work, so they have formed a Junior Altar Guild.

The Young Churchmen's Club, of Calvary, Fletcher, sponsored a square dance on August 30. Members of St. James', Hendersonville, Trinity, and Redeemer, Asheville, were invited to attend. Eighty-six young people were present to make a most successful evening.

SISTER HETHERINGTON AT MURPHY

Sister Virginia Hetherington, Church Army worker who has been at Patterson School during the past two years, has taken up her work at Murphy, N. C. Sister Hetherington is well known in Western North Carolina for her splendid work at Patterson School, and among the young people as counselor at the Young Churchmen's Camp each summer.

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EMMETT GRIBBIN GOES TO KENYON

The Rev. R. Emmett Gribbin, Jr., son of Bishop Gribbin, has taken the post of chaplain at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, after serving for five years as student Chaplain at the University of North Carolina. Kenyon College, which is 60 miles north of Columbus, Ohio, is a man's college supported entirely by the Episcopal Church. At Kenyon, Mr. Gribbin will teach courses in the Bible, in addition to his duties as chaplain to the 500 students enrolled there, and as rector of the local parish.

The Rev. Mr. Gribbin who is well known in Western North Carolina, is a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., and of the General Theological Seminary, in New York. In September, 1942, he married Miss Elsie Lawrence, daughter of the

Rev. A. S. Lawrence, of Chapel Hill. They have two children, Alice and Robert Emmett, III.

Convocation of Asheville

The Convocation of Asheville held its fall meeting at the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, on September 24. The Rev. J. B. Sill spoke on his work at Diocesan Historiographer. The Rev. A. R. Morgan and the Rev. D. J. Stroup reported on the General Convention.

At the business session, the Rev. J. H. Rhys, of Black Mountain, was elected Secretary-Treasurer, replacing the Rev. D. J. Stroup, who is leaving the Diocese. At the afternoon session, the Rev. G. D. Webbe read a paper on the Liturgical Movement, following which the Rev. A. R. Morgan spoke of the work of the Southern Rural Church Leadership School.



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A Task for the Woman's Auxiliary

Years ago we heard the venerable Bishop Tuttle address a Woman's Auxiliary on the subject of Lydia of Thyatira, whom St. Paul encountered at Philippi and who offered her home to be used as his headquarters. Bishop Tuttle pointed out that Lydia was a business woman who acted as an agent for a firm in her native city famous for its manufacture of dyed garments. Her occupation and manner of life furnish an instance of the freedom bestowed upon women long ago.

It is not a far cry from Lydia of Thyatira to her counterpart wherever women are employed in Western North Carolina. It is an inspiration to be out on the streets early and see the great army of women on their way to work.

The fact that the business woman of today is the rule rather than the exception has, however, caused a profound change in the life of the Church. There are fewer leisured women to do the conventional Church-work, and as a result

the Church has suffered. Herein is a challenge to the Woman's Auxiliary: The emancipation of women, to use a trite phrase, has been attended with considerable paganism. Many business women are in God's house rarely, if at all. Many have borrowed the old excuse from their brothers that "Sunday is the only day I have."

The hopeful sign is that the Woman's Auxiliary has faced the situation and is vigorously striving to meet the new conditions. All honor to branches which see to it that there are chapters or subdivisions which meet in the evening when business women can attend. Better still is the brave attempt to meet a changed situation which bristles with difficulties without deploring the passing of the good old days when women had more time to give. By its recognition of the conditions under which women work and live and think today, the Woman's Auxiliary has set an example to people in the Church who delight to live in the past. All honor to the women as they go forward.

Canvass

Our annual canvass for pledges for 1946 is upon us. We indeed trust that the enlarged asking through the red side of the envelope can be met. It can be if the various parishes and missions will take pains. The fall canvass is not something to be undertaken selfishly with the idea of increasing the parish revenue and giving left-overs to missions. Instead we need to remember that it was instituted to promote missionary giving; it is the black side of the envelope, not the red, that is incidental.

Our Cover

Our cover picture this month is of Grace Church, Morganton, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its consecration November 22nd, and the Centennial of the beginnings of the first church, a frame building.

Centennial at Grace, Morganton

By Rev C. G. Leavell

The Centennial celebration of the building of the first Grace Church and the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the present stone church is to be held in Morganton November 22nd, beginning with an 11:00 A. M. celebration of the Holy Communion. The Rt. Reverend Robert E. Gribbin, D.D., S.T.D., will be the centennial preacher. The Rev. William S. Stoney, present Rector of Grace Church, Anniston, Alabama, and the Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, retired clergyman of Asheville, are to make brief talks in the capacity of former Rectors of Grace Church, Morganton. Their addresses will follow luncheon in the Parish House.

Mr. J. Ernest Erwin, Chairman of the Centennial Committee and one of the oldest members of Grace Church, is to preside at the afternoon session. Mr. John H. Pearson, Senior Warden of the Parish and oldest member of Grace Church, is to review interesting incidents in the history of the parish. The Rev. Charles G. Leavell, present Rector, is to make a brief address on the future prospects of the parish.

Definite beginnings of Grace Church date back as early as 1841 when the Rev. Edward M. Forbes "first came as a missionary to Burke County, where

there were a few members of the Church scattered in different parts around Morganton." He was succeeded in 1844 by the Rev. John Steinforth Kedney who, as resident missionary worked under the Rev. Aaron Francis Olmsted, Rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton. The first church, a modest but churchly frame structure, was begun in 1846. Before its completion and consecration the sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 11, 1847, the Rev. Joseph C. Huske, "then a young deacon of Fayetteville, was sent by the Bishop to take charge of the newly-organized parish."

Farewell

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN has lost its editor, the Rev. D. J. Stroup, and the Diocese another fine priest in the person of the Rev. Grant Folmsbee who has left us for the Diocese of West Missouri. Both of these young men began their ministry in Western North Carolina and we wish that they had remained with us much longer. In a diocese where tenures are far longer than the average in the Church, it is a wrench when any of our priests make but a short stay with us. We wish our departing brethren every happiness in their new spheres of labor.

BESSEMER CITY ELECTIONS

A new mission committee was elected at St. Andrew's, Bessemer City, on October 15. Mr. Henry Young, warden, Messrs. George Hook, Ambrose Cloninger, Mrs. Houston Godfrey and Mrs. Fula Carpenter are the new members. One member is yet to be elected by the young people as their representative.

St. Andrews' congregation voted to accept a goal of \$3000 for 1947.

New Editor

The Rev. W. C. Leach of Valle Crucis has been appointed by the Department of Promotion to succeed the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup as Editor of the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. In an interview with himself, Fr. Leach said that he hopes that the clergy and laity of the diocese will continue in their efforts to make the paper of interest and value to everyone in the diocese.

CHURCH CONGRESS

A regional meeting of the Church Congress was held in Asheville on October 9th. At the business meeting in the afternoon, the Rev. Charles G. Leavell was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed the Rev. D. J. Stroup. There were some informal talks on General Convention by the Rev. Messrs. Leavell, Jenkins and Stroup.

In the evening there was a supper at the S & W Cafeteria, followed by two papers dealing with the subject, "Where Should the Church Put the Emphasis on Ministering to Men of Today?" The need for placing the emphasis on preaching was ably and convincingly presented by the Rev. Wm. S. Cravner of York, S. C. The second paper was given by the Rev. D. J. Stroup who declared that the emphasis must be placed where the Prayer Book has always placed it, on the sacraments of the Church.

AUCTION AT VALLE CRUCIS

The Boys' Club at Holy Cross raised \$150 for the Quonset Parish House. They did it by scouring the community for furniture, household goods, and a weird collection of other things and auctioned them off on Saturday, October 19th. The Auxiliary made \$11 on pie and gingerbread at the auction. There is now over \$1100 in the fund.

NEW RECTOR FOR LINCOLNTON

The Rev. Joseph S. Huske, Jr., has accepted the call as Rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, and has already taken up his work there. Mr. Huske comes to the Diocese from the Diocese of East Carolina.

Mr. Huske, a native of Fayetteville, N. C., was graduated from the University of North Carolina in the class of 1942 and from the Virginia Seminary in 1944. He was ordained deacon in 1944 and advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Darst in 1945.

The new rector of St. Luke's is the great-grandson of the Rev. Joseph C. Huske who held the same position from 1847 to 1851.

Question Box

By Rev. J. P. Burke

Can The Church Teach Vital Religion?

Let's substitute the word nurture for the word "teach" in this question.

Man, according to Christian doctrine, is body, soul, and spirit. The Church can and does seek to nourish and develop all three of these vital parts of man. In striving to do this the Church uses sacraments, architecture, music, poetry, drama, games, symbols, vestments, lights, pictures and posters, as well as books, sermons, instructions, services and prayers.

The Church cannot create instincts, but she can nourish, stimulate and develop them. She can make, under God, an atmosphere that is conducive to the wholesome growth of all three parts of man. Man, however, must believe and appropriate for himself. The Church can pray for man, but she cannot do *his* praying.

According to Christian doctrine, man, so far as we know, is the only one of His visible creatures to whom God gave free will. Within limitations, man has the power to choose. He may choose to neglect the opportunity and to avoid the atmosphere that the Church provides. In that case, the Church cannot have direct influence upon him. His spirit is, at least, in grave danger of becoming dormant. If and when it does, his existence upon this planet, for the time being, is not unlike that of the animals. That dormant spirit can be aroused.

From the Christian view, there is no way to properly nurture a child or a man without cooperation. Given that cooperation the Church can arouse even a dormant soul to the highest development and attainment possible to man.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Lucy Fletcher

The Woman's Auxiliary: what is it? The organization of women in the Church. Yes, but much more than that. The word 'auxiliary' means a helper, an aid, an assistant.

The earliest women's organizations in our American Church were missionary societies. In 1872 the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was organized. For nearly 50 years the work of the Auxiliary was carried on through mission study, gifts of money through the United Thank Offering, and gifts of clothing through the Supply Department.

In 1920 we became Auxiliary to the National Council and all its departments, and so we are today.

Each parish and mission branch is auxiliary to the work of our Church in spreading Christ's Kingdom wherever our Church is at work, in far off lands, in our own country, in rural areas, in work among foreign born, among all races, in the armed services and on college campuses. We are auxiliary to the

department of Christian Education; we are auxiliary to the Department of Finance to see that money necessary to carry on the program of the Church is available.

Our diocesan Auxiliary, through its various departments and chairmen, seeks to assist the branches in carrying out this full program. Through the years we have grown in the number of women participating, in the variety of interests, and the amount of contributions, but in our work of helping to "build the City of God" we never reach that point where we can say "That task is done." So in our Diocese there are still many women who have no part; there are many opportunities for the Auxiliary to give help and leadership.

As individuals and as groups we need to worship and pray more diligently, to read and study, and to give more liberally of our time, our talents and our money that God may:

"Give us the strength to build the City
That hath stood too long a dream."

The Triennial Convention of 1946

By Mary K. Stoney

Five hundred and one women with the prayer in their hearts to "Give us, O God, the strength to build," met in the museum auditorium of the University of Pennsylvania. There were 473 delegates, 20 executive board members, 7 provincial presidents and the presiding officer, Mrs. Clinton S. Quin, of Texas. This total of 501 women represented 105 dioceses and missionary districts. There were 82 full delegations, one of which was that of our diocese. When the roll call came at the opening session women stood to answer to the

names of their diocese or missionary district from China to Liberia and from Alaska to Brazil.

A comprehensive report entitled "The Crucial Years" was given by the Executive Board and the staff of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council. This was a review of the Triennium from 1943 to 1946. It has been printed and every woman in the church will have the opportunity of seeing what she had a hand in accomplishing in the past three years.

By a vote of 278 to 19 the Revised

By-Laws, as drawn up by the Board and Triennial Committee and as amended on the floor, were adopted. The one notable change was the addition of one extra delegate to each Triennial Convention for each racial minority within a diocese or missionary district, if this racial minority is composed of at least three congregations and numbers at least 225 in membership. This will

mean that at the next Triennial, Western North Carolina will have the privilege of sending one of her negro women as an additional delegate.

These times are urgent. To you and to me comes the imperative call to become women of deep inner conviction that through our lives all men everywhere may be led to seek after God and find Him.

Christian Education in the Woman's Auxiliary

By Anne H. K. Jenkins

The Woman's Auxiliary is made up of groups of women in various parishes, in each Diocese, and all over the world where our Church has gone, who think, pray, act, give, and study in order that the work of our Lord may be carried forward. The Study Program, Christian Education, is a vital part of the Auxiliary, and one which more and more is being undertaken by all women. In past years the mission fields of the Church, in foreign lands and here at home, have been used as a basis for study. These next three years have been dedicated to a broader and deeper study program, one which is of extreme value to every woman in the Church. Its aim is to prepare us to take our part in building a new world, a Christian world of brotherhood and peace. A gigantic undertaking which cannot possibly be accomplished, you say? A gigantic undertaking, certainly, but one which must be accomplished, and which can be accomplished if we will faithfully and prayerfully follow the suggestions outlined in the Study Program presented so forcefully at the Triennial meeting in Philadelphia.

This is not an unattainable goal. It is not an impractical vision, an idealistic impossibility. We, each one of us, individually and collectively, can bring it about through faith, and prayer, and

thought, and action. We must first of all be God-centered; we must be channels through which God's Love can flow out to all men, and we must keep those channels clear. They become blocked when personal discouragement overcomes us, when racial antagonism and hatred flares up, when we turn away from God and let our own wills and desires and opinions take the place in our lives of God's Will and Desire and Knowledge. It is up to us, to you and to me, as individuals and as groups and as members of the One Body of Christ, to so align our living to God's Will that we fully "practice the Presence of God in every moment of every day. In this way, with God truly in us, guiding our every thought and word and deed, and giving us the strength to build, out of our own lives, our homes, our communities, our world, will emerge that Holy City. This is our program for these next three years—to lay a solid foundation.

The Woman's Auxiliary in Trinity, Asheville, was one of two branches in the State of North Carolina organized in 1873; this and the one at St. James, Lenoir, were two of the six branches which first made up the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of North Carolina.

Woman's Auxiliary Budget for 1947

By May T. New

Diocese

Missionary to the Southwest, The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, Missionary work in Southwest part of Diocese-----	\$900.00
Scholarship for child at Appala- chian School, Penland-----	200.00
Scholarship for boy at Patterson School, Legerwood-----	200.00
Scholarship for boy at Christ School, Arden-----	150.00
Work among boys and girls at Valle Crucis-----	200.00
Bishop's Discretionary Fund---	175.00
Highland Churchman, toward expense of publication-----	25.00
Altar Guild Fund, to provide Altar materials where needed	5.00
Young People's work in the Dio- cese-----	50.00
Departmental Discretionary Fund for supplies and ma- terials for various departments of Woman's Auxiliary (Sup- ply, Church Periodical Club, Social Relations, Missions, Christian Education, etc.)---	50.00
Cumulative Triennial Fund, to- ward delegates' expense to Triennial-----	75.00
Year Books (to provide each member of the Auxiliary with a Year Book)-----	200.00
	<hr/> \$2230.00

Nation and World

Mission Work in the Nation (field designated by the Dio- cese)-----	125.00
Mission Work in the World (field designated by the Dio- cese)-----	125.00

Provincial Gift (half to Depart- ment of Missions and Church Extension, goes in great part to work of Mr. Robert Fletcher with Deaf; half to Depart- ment of Christian Education for College work)-----	50.00
Work among the Blind (Fund used for publication of litera- ture in Braille)-----	25.00
Departmental Gift for Deaf (Mr. Robert Fletcher's work with the Deaf)-----	25.00
College Student Work (Mem- bership in Church Society for College Work and toward Stu- dent work in some North Carolina college)-----	50.00
St. Augustine's, Raleigh (Schol- arship for negro girl at school)-----	50.00
Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte	50.00
Christmas Gift (to take care of special call at Christmas for help in some field)-----	20.00
Church Mission of Help (Fund used to help needy girls in some of our crowded centers)	50.00
	<hr/> \$ 570.00
Total Budget-----	<hr/> \$2800.00

Plus 35¢ per member for Central Fund. This fund pays the Provincial and National dues, stationery account, postage account, directories, and all miscellaneous expense for annual meeting, etc.

The above budget represents an in-
crease over 1946 of \$250.00.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH GIVE THANKS

By Jean S. Wooldridge

In the past three years women all over our country have had much to be thankful for. The women of the Auxiliary have had a perfect opportunity to express their thanks to God through a little blue box. Into this box they have put money whenever they have felt especially grateful for their blessings, and each time a coin has been dropped into the Blue Box a prayer has accompanied it. On September 11th, in Philadelphia, all the delegates to the Triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, along with many, many other people, attended a service of Holy Communion, and the money which expressed women's thankfulness was presented at the Altar. There was \$1,633,126.20. Three years ago the total was \$1,119,878.91. Through the expressed gratitude of the women of the Church many Missionaries' salaries are made adequate, many buildings are repaired and equipped in the Mission fields, scholarships are provided, missionary projects are supported in cooperation with other communions, and many other things are accomplished. One item of particular interest to the delegates in the budget for the next triennium is the inclusion of \$100,000.00 for the work of the Church in Japan. Not only are foreign lands aided through this money, for here in our own Diocese are two buildings built through this United Thank Offering, one at Appalachian School, Penland, and one at Valle Crucis. There are seven women mission workers in our Diocese paid through the UTO. In many other ways our Diocese, our Province, our Nation and the whole world are helped as they would not be if the women were not thankful in this concrete way.

The United Thank Offering is fifty-eight years old, and has grown from \$82.71 to the wonderful amount presented this year. Our Diocese in 1943 presented \$5,958.73; this year the amount from Western North Carolina was \$10,000.00.

THE ST. AUGUSTINE'S CONFERENCE FOR CHURCH WORKERS

By Alice Maxwell

I felt it an honor to represent the Fifth District of the Woman's Auxiliary in our Diocese at the Training Conference for Church Workers, which was held at St. Augustine's College for Negroes in Raleigh, last June. The purpose is to train and stimulate worthy and capable leaders for the work of the Church, with emphasis upon Christian Education, Missions, Social Service, and a flexible program for the young people. Dr. D. A. McGregor, of the National Council, spoke on "Christian Life and World Problems". He said the greatest problem is the complete collapse of our society. All order is gone. The world has no pattern by which to piece things together. We are living in fear, and hating one another: Life must be re-organized in a new pattern, God's way.

Father Loosemore, of the Cowley Fathers, from Bracebridge, Ontario, spoke on "The Church, The Parent, and The Teacher". We find the Sunday School is the place where most young people receive their religious education, and not the home. The Church can help by converting parents, and by giving parents as well as teachers Child Training courses. The Church must teach that our religion is built around our duty towards God.

Mrs. Stephan Mackey, Diocesan President of the Negro Woman's Auxiliary in South Carolina, spoke on "Woman's Work in The Church", with emphasis on Worship, Study, Service, Gift, and Fellowship. We learn first to love God and our fellowmen. Prayer is the keynote: it will bring us knowledge of God, Christ, and the Gift of the Spirit.

EPISCOPAL RADIO HOUR

V. Jordan Brown has been named director of the "Episcopal Radio Hour" which is heard each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock over Station WNCA, Asheville. The Bishop, clergy and laymen of the Diocese will present the faith of the Church each Sunday at this hour.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

By Mrs. W. T. Carpenter

Yesterday we heard "Win the War" and we worked together and won the war. This took concerted effort on the part of Americans. Many, of course, were selfishly getting personal profits, but we did win. Today we hear "Win the Peace". Will we concentrate and mobilize to win peace and we did to win war? One tends almost to doubt it when we hear the bickerings one hears now.

In our hustle and bustle with our everyday life one wonders if America knows what Peace means. Would America want it? Will the other nations want it? As we think of Peace, the best definition which comes to mind is the practice of the Golden Rule. Does America want that?

Mr. Episcopalian, would you want to practice the real Golden Rule in your business? If you have not done so, read the "House of 100 Bosses" by John Lear in Saturday Evening Post for September 28, 1946. You may say this will not work in your business. Some other similar plan might. Mrs. Episcopalian, would you want the Golden Rule in your homes, clubs, even Auxiliary work?

We believe *Christian Social Relations* will accomplish just what is needed for Peace.

The pamphlet "First Steps in Christian Social Relations" suggests that small interested church groups study family and community life in our local situations and then do something about the existing needs. During the war years we worked with other church and community groups in projects to send clothing, food, etc., overseas to those in need. Now let us continue to work together to make our individual self and community more Christian in nature and by United Effort bring about that World Peace so badly needed.

Suggested reading: "The Social Responsibility of the Christian and of the Church", by Angus Dun.

THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

By Katharine Winborne

The assignments for our Diocese from the Supply Department for this year are twofold. The first is a sum of money to be sent to help in the restoration of five Mission Hospitals in China. In the past the Woman's Auxiliary has helped to provide supplies to all of these hospitals, and it should be of particular interest to help in their restoration to useful activity.

The second request is for infants clothes, to be sent to the Good Shepherd Hospital for Negroes at New Bern, N. C. This is an Episcopal Hospital in the Diocese of East Carolina. It has fifty-five beds, four cribs and eight bassinets. In 1945 a total of 945 patients were treated in this General Hospital.

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, in 1946, was the twenty-fourth annual meeting in the Diocese; there were, however, twenty-six annual meetings in the Missionary District of Western North Carolina before it became a Diocese. Thus there have been fifty annual meetings in Western North Carolina. The Auxiliary is beginning its second half-century.

"The Woman's Auxiliary serves as an instrument of the Church through which women may express in action their conviction that the hope of the world lies in the redeeming power of God's Love."—(from the pamphlet, "Tell us about the Woman's Auxiliary")

Twenty-five persons from Western North Carolina were present at the service for the Presentation of the United Thank Offering on September 11, in Philadelphia. Five thousand persons made their communion at that service, which lasted one hour and a half.

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

By Florence Drinker

A student worked far into the night, for many nights, copying a text-book so that he and others might have the information contained in the one available copy.

A woman cut the recipes out of magazines to make a cook-book to use in her classes.

In many American homes magazines are burned, books no longer used are stored in attics. These magazines and books could make such tasks as the above unnecessary, if they are turned over to the Church Periodical Club. The regular passing on of a monthly or weekly magazine can make life happier for many ministers, nurses, teachers, and other people who cannot otherwise read the current articles, or relax with good stories.

The Church Periodical Club has raised money to restore the Medical and Theological Libraries at Manila which were damaged and depleted during the war. In many other areas books and magazines are supplied to libraries as well as to individuals, through the Church Periodical Club.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

By Isabel Patton

The Department of Missions and Church Extension endeavors to keep before the Auxiliary the Church's work at home and abroad.

During the past year many articles of clothing, furnishings and tools were sent by different branches to our rural missions and schools.

In the drive for Reconstruction and Advance work, this department took every opportunity to bring the need before the Auxiliary and to challenge the women to do their full part.

The leaflets for the World Day of Prayer will be sent to each branch president. These leaflets will be distributed in the pews of our church to be used on that day.

Youth News

By Ann Shuford

Districts 4, 5, and 6 of the Morganton Convocation met in Lenoir November 2nd. The meeting opened with the Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. The business meeting was concerned with the reorganization plan in the Diocese. The above three districts now form the Eastern District for Youth Work. The ladies of St. James Church served the luncheon for this meeting.

The Young Churchman's Club of Calvary Church, Fletcher, met October 13th at the Rectory. Miss Sarah Baldwin, the president, presided. The Rev. Mark Jenkins, a delegate to the National Youth Convention, told the group about the plans and doings of the Convention. The resolutions passed at this gathering were read and explained. The offering of the Young People of the whole Church, received at the Corporate Communion on October 20th, is to be used for the education of Japanese youth for the Christian ministry. The offering of the young people of Calvary Church amounted to \$22.06.

Anyone wishing to get copies of the Song Book prepared by the Diocesan Youth Commission, please write to Miss Helen Thomas, 411 N. Marietta Street, Gastonia, N. C.

NEWS ITEM

The Diocesan Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary met at Trinity Church, Asheville, October 2 and 3, with the Bishop, sixteen members, and four visitors present. The Board elected Mrs. T. J. Woolridge to serve as Vice-President until the next Annual Meeting. Reports were heard from the delegates to the Triennial. District meetings were planned, and plans for the future were discussed.

Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

"THE ALTAR AND THE WORLD"

By B. I. Bell

Harper & Brothers, 1944, \$1.25

The apostle to the people who do not go to Church at all has produced a book which will be read with profit by those who do go and by those who do not. For the Churchman it relates the Liturgy to social action in a creative way. To the unchurched it provides signal proof that religion, more than any other human activity, is concerned with the common life of men.

The structure of the Liturgy, as in the Book of Common Prayer, is followed strictly, with occasional reference to other rites. Nothing is omitted, though some portions of the service receive fuller treatment than others. Beginning with the Kyrie Eleison, the need for penitence and humility in the approach to God both for individuals and for a world like ours is made plain. The Epistle is stressed as the message for those who did win the victory in their own day, "Be not afraid". The Gospel and Creed go together as our Lord's exposition of divine love and the response of our faith. In the Offertory we are urged to remember that what we offer to God is our creative labour, our common life, and the Church on earth.

The Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church is the great intercession for all that we hold dear. The General Confession summarises both social and individual sin, and the Absolution and Comfortable Words can only promise forgiveness and divine favour on the condition of true repentance, of which the priest apart from sacramental confession is in no position to judge. The Sanctus sets forth the holiness of God and the need for holiness in us. In the Consecration God takes the initiative

and comes to us, because we cannot go to Him unaided, that in the Oblation we may have something acceptable to plead. We invoke the Holy Spirit to deliver us from our evil way. Then at God's rendezvous we can have fellowship with our Lord and with one another in the Communion. We make our Thanksgiving that God has revealed to us the meaning of His world. In the Gloria we recapitulate our service, remembering Christ at Bethlehem, at Calvary, and at the Right Hand of the Father. Then the Blessing reminds us that we have been made God's Blood-Brothers, and as such we return to His world. The scheme needs no comment. It is quite the best presentation of recent years.

CONVOCATION AT MORGANTON

The Convocation of Morganton met at Patterson School on October 31 at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. B. M. Lackey, Sr. Dean of the Convocation, presided at a most interesting meeting which lasted all day. Speakers on the program included the Rev. James McKeown who spoke on the Rural Leadership School held at Valle Crucis, the Rev. Ralph Webster who told of the Church's Puerto Rican work, the Rev. C. G. Leavell discussed the Every Member Canvass, and the Rev. W. J. Gordon, Jr., told of the Church's work in northernmost Alaska.

Luncheon and dinner were served by Patterson School.

FR. GREENWOOD RETURNS

The Rev. Westwall Greenwood has been appointed priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove and the Church of the Redeemer, Craggy. He will assume these charges on the second Sunday in November.

Fr. Greenwood was vicar of St. James', Black Mountain, before becoming the rector of Grace Church, Louisville, Ky., in April, 1944. He comes to Asheville from St. Katherine's School, Davenport, Iowa.

WEBBE IN SLICKS

Fr. Webbe of Christ School, writing under the name of Stephen Cole, has sold three short stories to popular magazines. One of them, "New Boy", was published in the October 19 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. Another is soon to be published in Redbook magazine.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

November 10th marks the opening of the Church-wide Every Member Canvass. Every parish and mission of the Diocese is asked to make a concerted effort to place the needs of the Christian religion before its members.

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FAREWELL SERVICE AT ST. LUKE'S, LINCOLNTON

St. Luke's Church in Lincolnton was the scene of a farewell service held September 29th in honor of the Rev. Grant O. Folmsbee, rector of the parish. Representatives were at the service from all of the Church Mr. Folmsbee had served during his stay in Lincolnton.

The service of Evening Prayer was made most impressive by a large choir consisting of members from St. Luke's, Woodside, Bessemer City, High Shoals, and Shelby. The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., read Evening Prayer and Mr. Folmsbee preached on the text "My peace I give unto you." He expressed his appreciation for the privilege of ministering to Churchmen in and around Lincolnton, Shelby, Bessemer City and High Shoals, and expressed the hope that the Church in these places would continue to expand in the service of our Lord. Mr. Folmsbee told the large congregation of his keen desire to see an increased fellowship among the Episcopalians of that area.

The offering was sent to Bishop Gribbin for use in diocesan Christian Education work.

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Early Days of Trinity Church, Asheville

By Father Sill

How different Asheville was 100 years ago from what it is today! It was then, in 1847, that the Rev. Jarvis Buxton, a young deacon in charge of St. John's Church, Rutherfordton, came there to minister to a few Church people and start an organization soon to develop into a parish. He may have come on horseback, as he was fond of riding. He came to a village of some 800 people. We may be able to picture an old court house, with outdoor whipping post and stocks, of course a jail, a few stores, a tannery, scattered homes, and two hotels, one of which was the Eagle, later to become famous, and in front of which in a few years "the long tin horn" of the driver would sound as he brought his stage coach and passengers up from the low country.

The Presbyterians had already built on the present site of their house of worship as had the Methodists opposite, with graveyards adjoining. After using rooms in different buildings for services, and having given up the charge at Rutherfordton, Mr. Buxton and the few Church members (it is said that there were only two upon his arrival, Mrs. Henrietta Patton and Mrs. William Coleman) decided to build a church. This was of brick and on the present site of Trinity, and was consecrated by Bishop Ives on July 6th, 1851, a parish organization having been formed. So began the use of the section of Asheville, where a few years later was built the school for boys, and Mr. Buxton's home which stood behind the site of the present Bishop's house.

Family names of the founders and early members of Trinity are familiar to Church people today. Among the founders were Mr. and Mrs. James W. Patton, Mrs. William Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. James Norwood, Mrs. Philetus Roberts, Misses Margaret and Charlotte Kerr. Other early members were Mrs.

N. W. Woodfin, Judge Baily and General James G. Martin.

Mr. Buxton was a man of much energy, tall and heavy-set, with bushy hair as described to me, of dignified bearing which grew as his years increased. He brought his young wife, who was Miss Anna Nash Cameron of Fayetteville, to Asheville soon after entering on his work there. In time there were seven children, five daughters and two sons, all described as of large stature. Mr. Buxton was born near Washington, N. C., in 1820. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and General Seminary. He was one of the young men who helped in the work started at Valle Crucis under Bishop Ives, and was ordained deacon there. He was advanced to the

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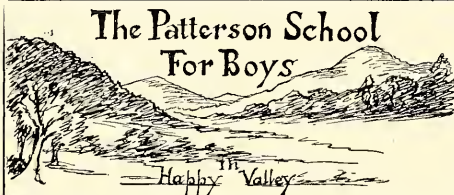
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priesthood in 1849 at Rutherfordton.

The three chief marks of Dr. Buxton's pastorate, as well as I can gather, were his faithfulness in the worship of the Church and in his pastoral duties, his interest in promoting education, and his missionary activities. We find week-day as well as Sunday services held on Wednesdays and Fridays and the congregations outgrew the first Church so that a new brick structure was erected in the eighties. Soon after settling in Asheville, Dr. Buxton started the School for boys, called Ravenscroft after the first bishop of North Carolina. He wrote in starting the school "We educate the boys of the Church in the methods of the Prayer Book and all Christian culture." As his missionary activities expanded, Dr. Buxton was instrumental in founding the work at Grace Chapel, Trinity Chapel, Haw Creek, St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove, and a chapel of which St. Matthias was the outgrowth. As the mission work grew there was need of priests to carry it on, which means a further story of the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and a further story of Dr. Buxton's later years.

ST. CYPRIAN'S CONSECRATED

On St. Michael and All Angels Day, September 29th, St. Cyprian's Church, Franklin, was consecrated by Bishop Gribbin. This consecration culminated the years of work that have been done by the loyal colored congregation at Franklin. In addition to the service of consecration, the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan and Archdeacon Kennedy presented a class for confirmation by the Bishop.

The service was well attended by the friends of St. Cyprian's, many of whom remembered Archdeacon Kennedy as one most instrumental in fostering the work of St. Cyprian's, giving much of his time and skill both as a priest and as an artisan to the Church.

After the service, a dinner was served by the members of the Church.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The annual patronal festival of St. Francis' Parish, Rutherfordton, was observed with a full day of well-rounded activity on October 4th. There was an early Eucharist, an afternoon meditation on the life of St. Francis, and an evening picnic on the rectory lawn.

On Sunday, October 6, Bishop Gribbin instituted the Rev. Ralph K. Webster as rector at the 11 o'clock service.

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STUDY SHOWS URGENT NEED FOR TRAINING OF RURAL PASTORS

The Training of Rural Pastors in the Episcopal Church is the subject of a study by the Rev. James McKeown, written recently as a thesis for a master of arts degree at Drew University.

Mr. McKeown discusses the need for missionary work within the borders of the United States. "There are some sections of the country," he says, "whose conditions cry out for the help that the Church can give."

The proposals Mr. McKeown makes are as follows:

1. *A department of rural courses*, presumably in the seminaries, offering, among other subjects, Rural Church Management, The Church and Rural Life, Rural Adult Education, The Rural

Community, Rural Church Finance, Rural Social Agencies, The Cooperative Movement, Rural Economics, Rural Sociology, Rural Developments in the Missionary Churches.

Mr. McKeown's suggestion for any seminary unable to introduce such a department is to start on a small scale, with only one instructor.

2. *Rural courses given in seminaries by nearby rural pastors.* This plan is working well in two schools in Tennessee.

3. *A professor in an established department teaching some rural subjects.*

4. *Exchange classes between two seminaries.*

Mr. McKeown is now priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, Boone and the missions at Todd, Beaver Creek, and Glendale Springs.

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Christmas

Christmas each year brings us not only infinite joy and gladness, but in the changing world in which we live, each Christmas brings with it a challenge.

If we attempted to describe in one word the condition of the world today, we believe that the world would be "Irritation". The nations of the world are not making war preparations, but they have gotten on one another's nerves, and seem to delight in calling one another names. The United States has not been visited with a great disaster, but there are unaccustomed annoyances in daily life for which people seek a scape-goat. As a result we are just where mankind was at the first Christmas. No major war was then raging yet there was not Peace and Goodwill reigning among men.

All good Churchmen plan to make their Christmas communions, and many to whom God has given good lungs will join heartily in the singing of the carols.

So the question which we need to ask ourselves is whether in singing the words, "when shepherds watched their

flocks by night," we really mean that it is in our hearts to do our part to spread the angelic message of which we sing.

A little observation will convince us that this task can be done. We all contribute to someone's business at Christmas. If there is a Scrooge within the confines of Western North Carolina, we have not had the honor of his acquaintance. What we all need to do is to so steep ourselves in the spirit of the dear Christ Child that our very presence dispels the thoughts of irritation and antagonism that seem to dwell in so many human hearts. Thus we can bring joy to men and women in the place where they need it most.

Christmas ever tells us of the power of the Christian Faith. Let us realize that power by asking the Christ Child to give us more helpful dispositions, to make us more cheerful, optimistic and definitely sure that we have entrusted to us the force that will make us of service in the healing of the nations.

"Thou Light of uncreated Light
Shine on us, holy Child;
That we may keep Thy birthday bright
With service undefiled.
Rejoice, rejoice, the Incarnate Word
Has come on earth to dwell;
No sweeter sound than this is heard
Emmanuel, Emmanuel."

CONGRATULATIONS

To venerable Grace Church, Morganton, now a centenarian, and to middle-aged All Souls', Biltmore, which has just arrived at the age of fifty, we offer our felicitations. These are two of our larger and stronger parishes which mean so much in our diocesan life. Both have rectors on whom the rest of us lean heavily, and both have furnished the diocese with helpful lay leadership.

There is nothing much finer than happiness in parish life. A notable fact about Grace and All Souls' is that they seem so absolutely united.

May the rest of us, catching inspiration from the joy of our brethren, continue to work with them for the continuation of our happy diocesan life.

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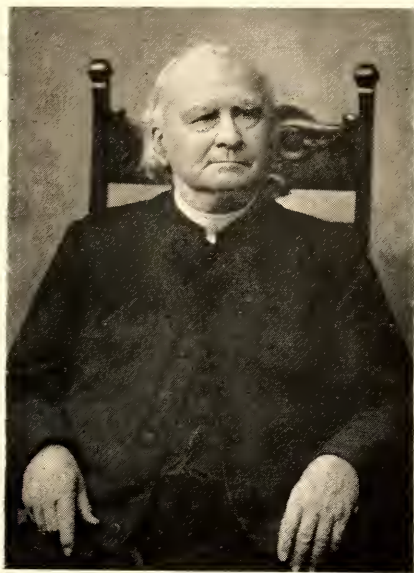
By *The Rev. J. B. Sill*

EDITOR'S FOREWORD:

Trinity Church, Asheville, was to be featured in the November issue, but the 100th anniversary of a sister church took journalistic precedence. Fr. Sill has spent much labor and research on the early history of the church in Asheville which centered around Trinity, and we are delighted to devote the feature space this month to the result of those labors. It is easier for us to know the source of Trinity's present strength when we know of the consecrated efforts of priests and laymen of the past.

Though having a parish to look after Dr. Buxton may be said to have laid the foundation of the Church's missionary work west of the Blue Ridge. While the Ravenscroft Associate Mission seems to have been established in the late 1860's, it being a plan promoted by Bishop Atkinson, it was through Dr. D. H. Buel, who came to take charge in 1872, that very much progress was accomplished. A training school for the ministry was a part of the Associate Mission work, the building used by priests and students being that previously used by the School for boys, started by Dr. Buxton, which lasted for only a few years. Bishop Atkinson said "In providing ministers we must look principally homeward for a supply. To raise them from among the people themselves permanently and effectually, we must have schools at home under the care of the Church, parochial and diocesan schools". So Dr.'s Buxton and Buel became pioneers of an educational policy which has continued in our Missionary District and Diocese to the present time. For short periods before Dr. Buel's time, Rev.'s George Wilmer and F. J. Murdoch served in the Associate Mission, the latter belonging to Trinity parish, and being made priest in 1870. He soon entered upon his field at Salisbury, as rector of St. Luke's Church. At times there were two, four and more students at the Training School, it being reported that altogether fifteen candidates for the ministry studied there until the closing of it about 1890. The present Bishop's residence, formerly known as Schoenberger Hall,

was erected in 1886 for purposes of the Training School, being named after its donor, Mr. John Schoenberger, a friend of Bishop Lyman's, and costing \$11,000, who also gave \$7000 for an endowment of the school. The previously occupied Ravenscroft building was then used for a boy's high school, the late Haywood Parker being one of its headmasters.



The Rev. Jarvis Buxton

Dr. Buxton continued to minister to and build up the Missions that he had started, at Beaver Dam, Chunn's Cove, Haw Creek, West Asheville and Waynesville, also Trinity Chapel, now St. Matthias, for the colored, at this last Rev. S. V. Berry coming in 1874 to

continue in charge for several years. At Beaver Dam fifty members were reported in 1867, when the first Church was built. At Chunn's Cove, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Armstrong were early members of St. Luke's, as also Mr. and Mrs. William T. Owen, in whose home the first services were held, they later being held under a weeping willow tree in Mrs. Metz' yard. Lay people of Trinity Church, notably Capt. Thomas Patton and his sister, Miss Fanny Patton and Mrs. C. W. DeVault, helped in caring for St. Luke's. It was due to Dr. Buxton's ministry at Haw Creek that George E. Bell entered upon preparation for the ministry. He later became one of the Associate Missioners, and was helpful at times to Dr. Buxton at Trinity, another young man who entered the ministry under Dr. Buxton's influence being William F. Rice; who also became an Associate Missioner. Dr. Buel was alone in the Associate Mission during his first years in charge, and at different diocesan conventions complained that he couldn't give time to the Training School because of the calls of the Mission field. We read of his ministrations at Brevard, Waynesville, Mica Vale, Cullowhee, and The Forks of The Pigeon. Churches were built, Waynesville had become a parish in 1866. His was a hard and difficult field, searching for the scattered sheep and bringing them into a Church fold.

He was born at Troy, N. Y., in 1817. Was a graduate of the General Seminary in New York. He married a daughter of Bishop Atkinson. He served for several years as a delegate from the diocese to General Convention. He received honorary degrees from both Yale and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. Bishop Lyman in an obituary notice of him says "He led a very self-sacrificing and laborious life, never sparing himself, but making almost every week a long and fatiguing journey to his several Missions, and carefully keeping his appointments even in the most severe and inclement weather." He died in Baltimore in 1893.

The work at Trinity Church continued to grow. In 1868 the communicants numbered 46, but the same condition of parish life troubled the good priest as it often troubles one of our time, for in his report to the diocese "I do not know where they are, with the Church or with the world". He reports the same year catechumens 61, and two years later catechumens, white 40, colored 90. Trinity Chapel (for the colored) was still under his care. He evidently stressed the preparation for baptism. He reports that the feast days and fast days of the Church are observed. On closing his ministry at Trinity, he reports 100 communicants.

I quote from a letter to me from a great-niece of Dr. Buxton's: "He was a fine horticulturist, always had a beautifully cared-for vineyard and berry patches. He had a farm in the country from which he got his eggs and butter and his winter's wood. He had a highly developed sense of thrift and orderliness, the wood being always stacked up in beautiful piles ready for use."

From an obituary in a Church paper "A noble priest, an humble, devoted Christian, who led among his people a consistent, blameless life, he labored for the good of his fellow man, to the glory of God, with the judgement of mature years, and the energy, buoyancy and perseverance of youth".

WORLD RELIEF

In urging Christmas contributions to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, Bishop Tucker called attention to the gifts of the wise men from the East to the Infant Savior. "Because they believed Him to be a King, they brought gifts befitting royalty, and because they found a Child in need, they left them at the manger. We cannot go back over the centuries and follow a star to a manger in Bethlehem, but in His Name who said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me,' we can bring our gifts to assist these innocent victims of total war."

YOUNG CHURCHMEN NEWS

By Ann Shuford

On November 2nd, the young people of the Convocation of Morganton had their first youth rally since the Diocese was redistricted on the lines of the Convocations. Young people from Morganton, Quaker Meadows, Gastonia, Bessemer City, Lincolnton, Lenoir and Shelby met at St. James', Lenoir at 10:30 a. m. for Holy Communion. Following the welcome and introductions there were two reports on the General Convention by Bishop Gribbin and Mr. Leavell. After lunch Helen Thomas gave a very interesting report about the first meeting of the National Youth Convention, which she attended in Philadelphia. The Rev. Rufus Morgan, of Franklin, talked to the group about mission work in general and told of the plan to have young people attend who might like to become church workers for rural workers held at Valle Crucis during the summer.

Helen Thomas, as the diocesan president of the Young Churchmen, presided over the business session. The following district officers were elected: Fuller Chaffee of Morganton, President; Willa Dean Hook of Bessemer City, Vice-President; Sue Oxford of Quaker Meadows, Secretary-Treasurer. Fuller Chaffee invited the district to meet at Morganton next time. The meeting was adjourned about 4 P. M.

The young people of St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows, have been meeting regularly on Tuesday nights. They practice for the junior choir and have begun working on a pageant to be presented at Christmas.

Grace Church, Morganton: The young people here recently elected new officers. They are: Fuller Chaffee,

President; Mary Murphy Boggs, Vice-President; Doug Van Noppen, Secretary; Tommy Lyman, Treasurer; Clara Kate Boggs and Mary Aston Leavell, Group leaders. Francie Lyman is the new chairman of the Junior Altar Guild.

The league is planning to pot plants and sell them at the Woman's Auxiliary bazaar to help raise some money for the treasury. Another of the league's projects is singing in the choir. Many of the members worked with the senior choir in preparing special music for the centennial of Grace Church on November 22.

The Young People have been having joint meetings with the Presbyterian Young People on every third Sunday of the month. They take turns entertaining each other and exchange ideas. Both groups seem to benefit through this arrangement.

The Girls' Friendly Society of Holy Cross Church, Valle Crucis, earned \$50.00 toward the parish house fund by sponsoring three square dances. The attendance was good and everyone had a grand time.

The young people of St. James', Hendersonville, gave a Thanksgiving pageant on Sunday, November 17, at the church building. The script was written by Mrs. Robert Maney and the play was under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Hughes. Those taking part were Anne Waldrop, Sue Briggs, Patty Stonham, Nancy Sterling and Audrey Briggs. After the pageant each class representative was given a list of what every class could contribute to the Church World Service Center. At the close of the service the need of the Thompson Orphanage was stressed.

Woman's Auxiliary News

By Elizabeth F. Van Noppen

The women of the Diocese turned out in large numbers for the District Meeting held in October at Rutherfordton, Tryon, Hendersonville, Asheville and Boone.

The highlight of the meeting was the news of the Triennial Convention brought by our Diocesan delegates.

Mrs. T. J. Woolridge, U.T.O. Treasurer, told how her hints and suggestions pulled our own offering up to \$10,000, and described in vivid detail the presentation service for the United Thank Offerings. Mrs. May T. New, Diocesan Treasurer, gave a brief review of the financial report of the National Church and of the National Auxiliary. Mrs. Mark Jenkins told of the great spiritual value of the meditations by the Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, impressing on the women the necessity for the development of a deeper personal spiritual life. Personalities of the Convention were discussed by Mrs. A. B. Stoney, who told of the outstanding men and women who meant so much to the Convention. Our Diocesan President, Miss Lucy Fletcher, recounted many interesting side-lights on the happenings there.

Heard for the first time was our church worker at Glendale Springs, Mrs. E. L. McKinsey, who talked briefly on the chapel to be built on the Indian Reservation at Cherokee.

In her report on the Diocesan work, Miss Fletcher brought forth the suggestion for a summer conference for Churchwomen to be held at either Valle Crucis or Patterson School for a five or six day period during early August. It was explained that this conference would in no way replace or interfere with the Annual Adult Conference at Kanuga, but rather that it would stimulate in-

MORGANTON ANNIVERSARIES

The 100th anniversary of the erection of the first building for Grace Church and the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the present church building were observed Friday, Nov. 22nd, beginning at 11 o'clock with Holy Communion and the centennial sermon delivered by Bishop Gribben. Bishop Gribben was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Leavell, Rector, and by the Revs. W. S. Stoney and Basil Walton. The Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, a former rector, and the Rev. Joseph Wilson, former missionary in Burke County were also in the procession.

Among the many visitors present were the Rev. William Capers and Mrs. Capers of Tryon, Father Sill, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, and the Rev. W. C. Leach and Mrs. Leach, and the Rev. B. M. Lackey, Sr.

Following the morning service, lunch was served by the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church in the parish house at 1 o'clock.

J. E. Erwin of Morganton, chairman of the committee in charge of general arrangements and one of the oldest members of the church, presided at the luncheon meeting.

John H. Pearson, oldest living member of the church, reviewed the interesting events in the history of the church. Prospects for the parish were touched on briefly by the Rev. C. G. Leavell.

terest in the Kanuga Conference. It is thought that many women could attend a short, inexpensive conference who would not be able to stay away from home for so long a period as two weeks. Furthermore, the value of working and studying together in a small group would be inestimable. Miss Fletcher urged the women to discuss fully this proposed conference in their branch meetings, so that they would be able to give her their opinions in their annual reports.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Lay Reader John T. Oxford has been holding cottage prayer meetings in several homes of the communicants of St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows, this fall. Meetings have been held at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Digh, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrison, and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Franklin. Attendance of men, women, and children has been excellent, running as high as forty persons. Although most interest has been shown on the part of members of St. Mary's Mission, quite a few non-memers have also attended. Up to the present time the cottage meetings have been held in the so-called "Lost Corner" section, located in a formerly somewhat inaccessible but well-populated place slightly over a mile from the mission. Prospects are now that meetings will also be held west of the mission. The procedure has been to have a brief Bible quiz in which the children can take part, the reading of the Bible, a short talk, and prayers both from the Prayer Book and extemporaneous.

Activity at St. Mary's has increased this fall. Evening Prayer is now being held at 7:00 P. M. by the Rev. Mr. Leavell on the second and fourth Sundays, and Holy Communion at the Sunday School and the old service hour of 3:00 P. M. on third Sundays of each month. Five new homes just across from the mission have been completed recently, and their occupants have helped swell the congregation at these services. The Young Peoples' Service League is now meeting each Tuesday night and rehearsing for a Christmas Pageant.

On Wednesday, November 6th, the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer in Shelby had a Parish supper as a kick off for the Every Member Canvass Drive. The supper was well attended, and the needs of the Church in Shelby, in the Diocese and in the

world were presented. Pledge cards were distributed to be followed up by letters and calls. The need for increased giving to the Church's work in Western North Carolina and overseas missions was stressed by the minister in charge, The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., and the budget for 1947 for the Church of the Redeemer was given by the treasurer, Mr. E. L. Kemper. Mr. Kemper emphasized the fact that not only did the church need more pledges to carry an increased budget, but that all members would have to give more if the work of the Episcopal Church in Shelby is to progress in the coming years.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the church prepared and served the meal buffet style at the Women's Club Building in Shelby.

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Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

"HIS BODY THE CHURCH"

The Bohlen Lectures for 1945, delivered at Philadelphia Divinity School by Rev. W. Norman Pittinger: Morehouse-Gorham.

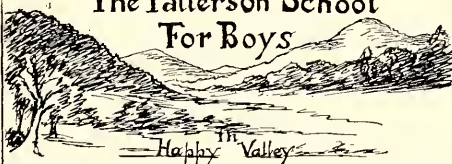
When Fr. Pittinger publishes a book it is always easy to read and theologically sound. Moreover, he is one of those rare individuals whose minds retain everything they have ever learned. So for those who want a clear understanding of the nature of the Christian Church, nurtured within our own Anglican Communion but drawing from and appreciating all that is true in other traditions, here is the book.

First comes a consideration of the Church in the early and valid Christian Tradition, with the insistence that "apart from the Church there would today be no genuine knowledge of Jesus, no adequate understanding of Him, and no self-forgetful love, worship, and obedience directed toward Him, beyond that possible of any other rather vaguely known historical figure". And as the Body of Christ, Fr. Pittinger agrees with the Russian Orthodox that fellowship-in-love is the peculiar and identifying mark of the Christian Church.

Four of the lectures are given up to an analysis of what we mean when we say that we believe in ONE HOLY CATHOLIC and APOSTOLIC CHURCH. Then comes discussion of the Churches function in worshipping God and in proclaiming the Faith. No study of the Church would be complete without an attempt to relate the Church we know on earth to that greater reality, the Church Expectant and Triumphant, beyond the grave; the eighth lecture does this most effectively. Finally comes a presentation of the Church in the world today, maintaining her historic character and work in modern conditions. The book is one which the serious Christian layman ought not to miss.



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KANUGA — CHRISTMAS EVE, 1945

By Annie H. K. Jenkins

High in the chalice of encircling hills
Lie the serene waters of Kanuga Lake,
Quiet and dreaming 'neath the winter
stars;

Reflecting from their frozen surfaces
The myriad lamps which light this
Christmas Eve.

Softly and silently the mighty oaks
And pines clothe their great forms in
festal robes
Of glistening ice, in honor of His birth.

Because the selfish hearts of men refuse
To make their just oblation to their God,
Nature must bow, as in the ancient tale
Beasts made obeisance to their Infant
Lord.

And so the giant trees bow low their
heads
And fall prostrate before the Wondrous
Life
Which came to earth this night so long
ago.

The Altar in the Chapel of the Woods
Echoes the tumultuous shouts of praise
As towards it kneels a powerful forest
king,

Giving his love in thanks for God's
Great Love.

The thunderous drumming of their
voices forms

An orchestral background for the An-
gels' song:

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on
earth

Peace, good will . . ." and the forest
echoes, "Glory!"

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

At the request of the Joint Commis-
sion on Theological Education, Presid-
ing Bishop-elect Henry K. Sherrill has
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When Fr. Saylor wanted to have a parish meeting November 15th, he simply asked the Club to let the business after supper be that of the Episcopal Church. His wish was readily granted. Acting as Priest rather than President, he gave a report on the progress of the new Church and Parish House in the actual construction of which he is taking an active part. The congregation was interested to hear that the work was progressing, much of the wiring completed, and prospects for holding the Midnight Christmas Eve celebration in the Parish Hall quite good. The Church, somewhat larger than the old one, will not be completed until spring, at the earliest. Following Fr. Saylor's report, a representative of the Diocesan Department of Promotion spoke on Christian Stewardship and the Mission of the Church, by way of preparation for the Every-Member-Canvass.

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Sister Virginia Hetherington, Church Army worker at Murphy, is in charge of the Youth Center recently opened in the Carnegie Library building.

This Youth Center is the culmination of a project long worked on by the Junior and Senior Woman's clubs. It is financed by public subscription, and there are no dues. The Library board has donated the use of the room which has been redecorated and equipped with facilities for games and recreation.

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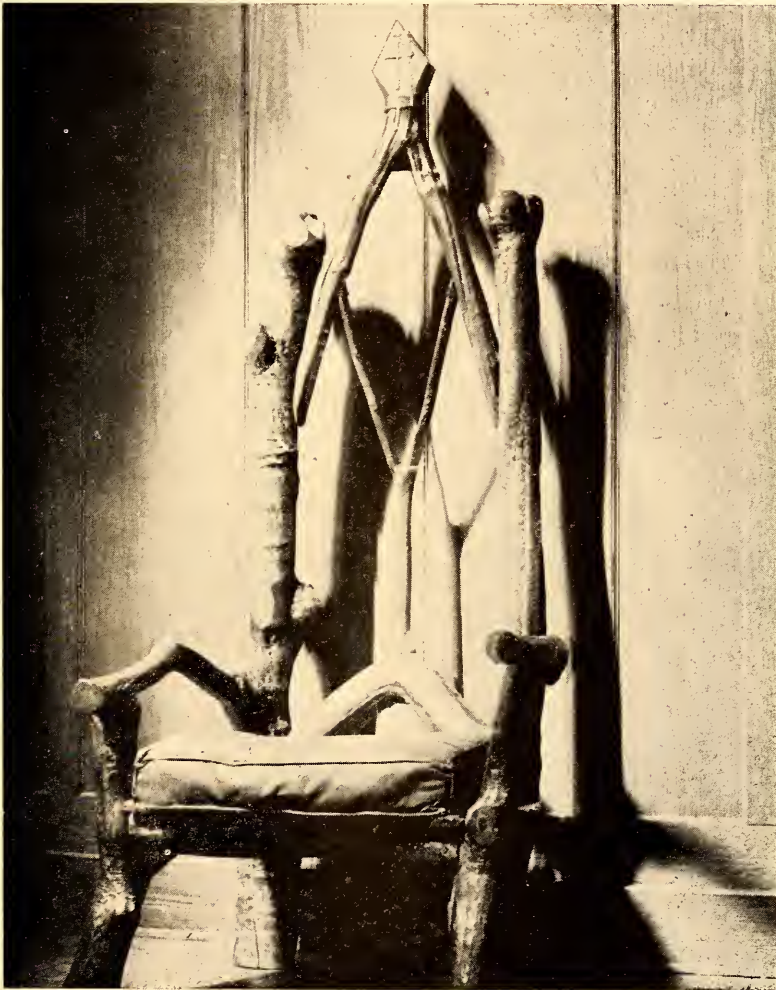


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A Well Earned Rest

The retirement of the Rev. George Floyd Rogers from the rectorship of Trinity Church, Asheville, will seem to many like the end of an epoch. There are not many active in the diocesan life who can recall Trinity Parish under any other rector.

Mr. Rogers took an active and prominent part in the life of the diocese and in the exercise of the various duties that devolved upon him showed an invariable sense of understanding and fair play. Western North Carolina will seem like another diocese without him. Perhaps his most valued contribution was his masterly handling of the difficult conditions which prevailed while we were without a head following the death of Bishop Horner. Few know all the details with which he had to wrestle but those who do are eternally grateful.

We rejoice in the fact that the rector of Trinity is soon to enjoy a well-deserved rest. May he and his good wife long

enjoy their Asheville domicile visited often by their children, grandchildren and other relatives whom he so often mentioned with deep affection.

Segregation

The account of the last meeting of the National Council in our Church press brought up a question about which more will be heard in the years that are immediately to follow.

It appears that the American Church Institute for Negroes which maintains a number of schools of various types, was on the point of conducting a financial campaign for the improvement of their property, but on the principle that the greater should contain the less gave way to the "Reconstruction and Advance Fund" with a promise that they should receive aid from the proceeds of the Fund. Certain members of the National Council objected to the funds being granted on the grounds that the schools were segregated. The irony of the situation was that to gain their objective, these brethren should have insisted that white students be permitted to enroll in colored schools. To have any point their attack should have been leveled against a school such as Sewanee for not admitting Negroes.

Racial segregation in the Church is obviously not in accord with the mind of the Master nor of St. Paul. All right-thinking Christians of the South realize this and are taking such steps as are warranted. Revolution, while sometimes necessary, is always to be deplored and is certainly not necessary here. The Church by moving as fast as it can is setting a wholesome example. It would surprise people of other sections to know how far Southern leaders in the Church have gone in this direction. We recall one saintly bishop, who, when a member of a congregation composed of both races always made it a point to kneel at the communion rail with a row of his colored children.

We are glad that the majority of the members of the National Council agreed

A Lenten Meditation On A Bishop's Chair

By The Rev. W. C. Leach

The most obvious thing that strikes the observer is that this chair was not designed with an eye to comfort. Made of gnarled rhododendron, every line is hard and unyielding, it is not a chair in which one can relax with a blissful sigh. Just as 'comfort' would not describe this chair, neither would 'comfort' be the apt word for the season of Lent. Lent is a time when some of the creature comforts of life are to be abstained from. Abstinence is not of itself a supremely valuable thing, but by an effort of the will we bring to mind that there are more important things than the satisfaction of our bodily desires. The mind and body are brought under discipline, oftentimes uncomfortable discipline, in order that we may devote forty days to the strengthening of our spiritual lives. We cannot relax in Lent, we dare not allow blissful contentment to steal over us when we should be directing our thoughts to the sufferings of Calvary.

The back brace of the chair forms a roughly shaped cross. This cross should be a mute reminder of the Body that once hung on such a Cross, stretching out arms in agony that now stretch out to draw all men unto Him who allowed those arms to be wracked. Can we look on this chair with its cross without thinking of the love of God for men that sent His Son and permitted the Crucifixion so that men could recognize the ugliness of sin? We must look at the Cross during Lent.

Looking again at the chair, we see that the cross upholds two arms that are topped by a mitre. Symbolic of the Church with the bishop at the head, one arm can represent to us the priesthood and the other the laity. All three are supported by the Cross and depend for their strength on the power that flows from the Cross. Lent is a time for a renewal of our allegiance to the Church which Christ founded and continually supports.

The chair throws a shadow. This shadow can remind us that the influence of the Christian religion must be made to reach out and touch all men just as the shadow of the chair reaches out to touch the wall. Lent is a season when we should extend even farther our missionary efforts through our sacrificial giving.

The whole chair is bathed in light coming from the East window with the rising of the sun. For us, the Cross, the Church, the discomforts and discipline and sacrifices of Lent are made glorious by the triumph of Easter; all are bathed in the glory of the light of the Resurrection which proclaims the victory of Life over Death.

that these Negro Institute Schools should receive the aid that was promised them. And we echo the words of our beloved retiring Presiding Bishop who reminded the Council that the abolition

of segregation could not come in the immediate future and that it was therefore the duty of the Church to give her Negro children the finest schools that it could afford.

Reverend George Floyd Rogers Retires

The Rev. George Floyd Rogers, rector of Trinity Episcopal church for 20 years, announced to the congregation that he is retiring from the ministry.

Mr. Rogers said he will continue as rector of the church until a successor can be named.

He stated that he is not very well and that he felt his retirement would be for the best interests of the church and of his health. He pointed out that he has passed the retirement age and that, physically, he is no longer capable of meeting the demands of the parish.

Community Leader

Since coming to Trinity church in April, 1926, Mr. Rogers has been very active in community affairs. He was particularly noted for his attention and assistance to those who were sick or in need regardless of their creed.

Mr. Rogers is a past president of the Ministerial Association of Asheville and Buncombe county, having served three times in that capacity, chairman of the standing committee of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina for many years, and a member of the Civitan club. He has been very active in Community Chest campaigns.

He has been clerical delegate to a number of national conventions, including the last one at Philadelphia this year.

Mr. Rogers came here from Charlotte, where he was rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Native of Virginia

A native of Virginia, he graduated from the Virginia Theological seminary. Shortly after he entered the work of the church in that state, he became interested in mission work and while rector at Hampton he established several missions in the hill country of that region.

He is the founder of Boys Home, Covington, Va., one of the leading institutions of its kind in the Southeast. A brother, Dr. E. Reinhold Rogers, is operator and rector of the home.

Mr. Rogers also organized the Virginia Juvenile Protective society, serving as its president for eight years. He served also as president of the Conference of Charities and Correction of the Virginia.

He served with a committee appointed by the governor of Virginia to promote proper morals for the state during World War I. He was for many years active in the development of Christian social service in the church and was connected with the department of religious education for some time.

Mr. Rogers is at present the president of the Standing Committee, a member of the Executive Council and a member of the Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese.

A dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Rogers was held at the annual congregational meeting in the parish house of Trinity Church.

The congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Rogers with a silver service set in appreciation of the rector's 20 years' service to the church and talks were made by several persons. The presentation was made by George Shuford.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The circulation manager of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, Mr. Charles Grigsby, requests that every parish and mission send in a corrected and revised mailing list for the diocesan paper. It is most important that this mailing list be corrected as soon as possible, and the cooperation of the clergy is especially solicited. It is unsound to continue to mail the paper to those who have died, moved away or are not bona fide subscribers. Mr. Grigsby's address is 440 Montford Ave., Asheville.

Father Farnum, Rector of St. Mary's, To Retire

Has Served More Than 42 Years In Episcopal Ministry

The Rev. Arthur W. Farnum, who for the past 19 years has served as rector of St. Mary's, announced to members of his congregation yesterday morning that he will retire from the ministry on May 1.

Father Farnum, who has completed more than 42 years in the ministry, came to Asheville in May, 1928, as rector of St. Mary's church.

Native of Philadelphia

A native of Philadelphia, Fr. Farnum came to the South in 1917 as rector of St. James church, Hendersonville. Upon the creation of the diocese of Western North Carolina in 1922, he was elected dean of the Waynesville (now Asheville) convocation, which position he still holds. He was elected deputy to the general convention in 1922, 1925, and 1943.

He has served at various times on the executive council of the diocese and for a time in 1933 acted as chairman of the council. For a number of years he has been chaplain for the Central Labor union.

Fr. Farnum graduated from the DeLancey school in Philadelphia in 1895 and for a time after his graduation was employed in the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad. In 1900 he decided to follow the example of his distinguished grandfather, the Rt. Rev. Henry B. Whipple, of Minnesota, and went to that state where he entered the Seabury Divinity school at Faribault from which he graduated in 1904, being ordained to the priesthood the same year.

While attending the school he was awarded the Gilbert prize in English Bible and the Whipple prize in Greek New Testament.

In 1906 he married Miss Ellen Martha Pendergast, of Hutchinson, Minn., where he was rector. From Hutchinson he went to St. Joseph, Mo., then to Kansas City, and later to St. Cloud and St. Paul, Minn., before becoming rector of the Hendersonville church.

Fr. Farnum for a number of years was editor of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, and has just resigned as editorial writer.

In Memoriam

Whereas the Great Ruler of the universe, in the righteous dispensations of His Providence, has seen fit to call to rest Margaret Callier Brown (Mrs. H. T.), the beloved president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Wilkesboro.

Resolved, That we recognize in this sad dispensation the righteous hand of God and bow in submission to His will. That we deeply feel and regret the loss of our beloved friend whose sweet Christian life gave to high purposes of our Auxiliary her clear vision, her courage, her firmness of purpose, her convincing logic, her ability to succeed, bringing light into many dark places. We desire to testify to her beautiful Christian life and faithfulness to every duty.

Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family and friends our sympathy. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's, published in the local newspapers and the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, and a copy sent to the family.

Louise Lunn Cowles

Frances H. Underwood

Elizabeth Barber

Committee

Woman's Auxiliary News

Mrs. E. L. McKinsey, Diocesan Advance Work Chairman, reports the Advance Work Offerings from the various Districts to be as follows:

First District-----	\$275.51
Second District-----	59.60
Third District-----	382.30
Fourth District-----	83.64
Fifth District-----	10.02

This makes a total of \$806.07, which is a generous expression of the interest the women have in the chapel to be built on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

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A great many friends and members of Trinity Parish, Asheville, joined the Woman's Auxiliary in making their Annual Bazaar, held on November 26th, one of the most successful ever held. Thanksgiving dinner was served to 150 during the evening. Sharing with Trinity Parish, and contributing greatly to the event were Grace Chapel, Asheville; Church of the Redeemer, Craggy Road; Trinity Chapel, Haw Creek; St. Matthias, Asheville; the Y.P.S.L., and the Sunday School of Trinity.

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The women of Grace Church, Morganton, held a Christmas Bazaar on December 4th, and have reported it to have been a big success. Bazaars accomplish a three-fold result—that of raising money for the many projects, that of promoting spirited work among the women of the Auxiliary, and, finally, that of creating good fellowship among all the denominations who attend.

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January is the time to begin laying plans for the 1947 Bazaars and the project is passed on to all the branches as being thoroughly rewarding.

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The women of the church are urged to begin now to plan for the World Day

Mr. Redwood Reports

Your Treasure assumes that you desire some knowledge of the year's financial operations and there is given herewith a full report of all receipts from each parish and mission. You can compare with your neighbors and if your parish or mission seems to be in arrears, your Treasurer is still in a receptive mood and the money is still needed even if a little late. *Verbum sapientis!*

In the near future we hope to publish the figures for 1947. We are asked for \$8,500 for 1947 as against \$7,000 for 1946, and this last was not easy to raise. Only by your whole-hearted cooperation can we hope to meet this obligation.

Please remember that stipends and other obligations are payable monthly and therefore monthly and quarterly payments are most helpful.

The address of the Treasurer is changed as below, please change your records accordingly and oblige,

William M. Redwood
20 Cedarcliff Road
Biltmore Forest, N. C.

of Prayer to be held on February 21st. This is another opportunity to help promote real fellowship among the various denominations, by cooperating fully in this service.

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On December 5, 1946, the women of St. Mark's Church, Gastonia, sponsored that Church's annual Bazaar. In addition to the Bazaar a reportedly very delicious spaghetti supper was served. At least it was a financial success because the Woman's Auxiliary cleared over \$400. The Bazaar, at which fancy work, cakes, cookies, etc., were sold, and the supper were held in the parish house.

Mrs. Arthur Fuller was in charge of the event sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of which Mrs. L. O. McCollum is President.

Bishop Gribbin was present at St. Mark's for an evening service, on December 8, 1946.

RECEIVED BY THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FROM PARISHES AND MISSIONS

For The Year 1946

<i>On Assessment</i>		<i>PARISHES</i>	<i>On Apportionment</i>	
<i>Made</i>	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Accepted</i>	<i>Paid</i>
\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00	Asheville, Trinity -----	\$ 2,236.88	\$ 2,350.91
144.00	96.00	Asheville, St. Mary's -----	360.00	377.24
48.00	-----	Asheville, St. Matthias' -----	146.40	147.07
540.00	540.00	Biltmore, All Souls' -----	1,460.00	1,501.58
72.00	72.00	Brevard, St. Philip's -----	189.10	225.19
72.00	72.00	Flat Rock, St. John's -----	183.00	144.00
120.00	120.00	Fletcher, Calvary -----	402.60	480.00
180.00	180.00	Gastonia, St. Mark's -----	737.22	769.25
144.00	144.00	Hendersonville, St. James' -----	640.50	599.35
120.00	120.00	Hickory, Ascension -----	244.00	250.00
144.00	144.00	Lenoir, St. James' -----	475.80	604.44
48.00	48.00	Lincolnton, St. Luke's -----	292.80	209.35
60.00	60.00	Marion, St. John's -----	161.04	169.68
270.00	270.00	Morganton, Grace -----	1,098.00	1,300.00
240.00	240.00	Rutherfordton, St. Francis' -----	624.64	305.75
270.00	150.00	Tryon, Holy Cross -----	793.00	540.00
72.00	72.00	Waynesville, Grace -----	134.20	134.90
24.00	24.00	Wilkesboro, St. Paul's -----	100.80	109.80
ORGANIZED MISSIONS				
30.00	30.00	Arden, Christ Church -----	79.30	79.30
12.00	12.00	Asheville, The Redeemer -----	37.82	46.06
12.00	12.00	Asheville, St. Luke's -----	22.57	46.55
10.00	10.00	Asheville, Trinity Chapel -----	45.14	65.06
10.00	10.00	Beaver Creek, St. Mary's -----	19.52	7.00
10.00	10.00	Bessemer City, St. Andrew's -----	15.25	17.26
30.00	-----	Black Mountain, St. James -----	152.50	2.76
30.00	30.00	B'owing Rock, Stringfellow M. -----	63.44	63.44
5.00	5.00	Boone, St. Luke's -----	18.30	18.30
18.00	18.00	Canton, St. Andrew's -----	103.70	111.33
6.00	-----	Cullowhee, St. David's -----	7.93	-----
10.00	-----	Edneyville, St. Paul's -----	22.59	28.50
12.00	-----	Franklin, St. Agnes' -----	91.50	-----
12.00	12.00	Franklin, St. Cyprian's -----	15.25	37.09
10.00	10.00	Glen Alpine, St. Paul's -----	19.52	23.01
10.00	10.00	Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity -----	15.25	7.81
10.00	10.00	High Shoals, St. John's -----	19.52	19.52
30.00	30.00	Highlands, Incarnation -----	152.50	152.50
10.00	10.00	Hot Springs, St. John's -----	14.64	10.00
20.00	20.00	Legerwood, Chapel of Rest -----	76.86	76.86
10.00	-----	Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's -----	18.20	-----
10.00	10.00	Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour -----	18.91	27.04
20.00	-----	Little Switzerland, Resurrection -----	30.50	-----
10.00	10.00	Morganton, St. Stephen's -----	18.30	26.90
10.00	10.00	Murphy, Messiah -----	19.52	19.52
10.00	-----	Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's -----	18.30	18.30
10.00	10.00	Saluda, Transfiguration -----	81.74	81.74
10.00	10.00	Shelby, The Redeemer -----	26.84	26.33
10.00	-----	Sylva, St. John's -----	7.32	-----
10.00	10.00	Todd, St. Matthew's -----	7.93	10.00
60.00	60.00	Valle Crucis, Holy Cross -----	231.80	271.40
12.00	12.00	Morganton, St. Mary's -----	18.30	74.47
UNORGANIZED MISSIONS				
12.00	-----	Asheville, Grace -----	24.40	28.00
-----	-----	Balsam, Holy Communion -----	-----	-----
10.00	10.00	Bat Cave, Transfiguration -----	76.86	122.29
-----	-----	Blackston, Mission -----	6.85	6.85
10.00	-----	Cashiers, Good Shepherd -----	15.00	20.00
8.00	-----	Elneyville, St. Peter's -----	10.37	-----
-----	-----	Hillgirt, Mission -----	-----	-----
-----	-----	Lenoir, Chapel of Peace -----	-----	-----
8.00	-----	Lincolnton, St. Paul's -----	9.76	-----
-----	-----	Lincolnton, St. Stephen's -----	14.00	-----
12.00	12.00	Linville, All Saints -----	24.40	13.00
-----	-----	Micadale, St. Mary's -----	-----	-----
-----	-----	Morganton, St. Elizabeth's -----	-----	-----
10.00	10.00	Penland, Good Shepherd -----	30.50	84.13
6.00	-----	Rutherfordton, Missions -----	7.93	7.93
12.00	12.00	Unward, St. John Baptist -----	61.00	65.71
-----	-----	Valle Crucis, St. John Baptist -----	-----	-----
10.00	10.00	Tryon, Good Shepherd -----	12.81	19.48
6.00	-----	Cherokee, St. Francis -----	10.00	-----
\$3,691.00	\$3,217.00	GRAND TOTAL -----	\$12,080.70	\$12,192.05

ASHEVILLE MISSIONS

By Rev. J. B. Sill

We shall speak of two of the Asheville Missions, for such they may be called today, the city having extended to their locations, one of them being, however, beyond the official city limits. Sixty years ago The Church of The Redeemer, on the French Broad River, in the Woodfin suburb, and Grace Church in the Grace suburb were several miles out in the country. It was about that time that the Church of The Redeemer was built, of the native granite, and that the Mission of Grace Church was improved by the erection of a rectory and steps taken towards the building of a new Church, also of stone, though it was not until 1906 that the Church was completed. Both of these Churches are of English Rural-Church architecture.

In its early days Grace Church was a Mission of Trinity Parish. Mr. Frank J. Murdock, later rector of St. Luke's, Salisbury, and General J. G. Martin were interested in lay-reading at the Mission, in assisting Dr. Buxton, who was in charge of it. The Church was then a log-structure, built in 1867 on land given by Prof. John Kimberly, where the present Church is located. Miss Fanny Patton, Miss Kate Buxton, and General Martin's daughters taught in the Sunday School. The Kimberly family have ever since been staunch supporter of Grace Church. Promoting the building of the present Church, in addition to the Kimberly family, were Mrs. C. T. Chester and her daughter, Mrs. Chester Lyman. After 1891 and until about 1910 Grace Church was an organized mission, of the diocese of North Carolina at first, and then of the District of Asheville. Rev. W. F. Rice had charge for some years, living at the rectory, then Rev. McNeely DuBose, of Trinity, was in charge, who was succeeded by Rev. A. H. Stubbs, of the Ravenscroft Association. In 1896 there were 51 Communicants and 45 in the Sunday School, "Sunday evening ser-

vices are well attended and much interest manifested in the Mission" it being reported. In 1910 there were 60 Communicants, 90 in the Sunday School and 48 families belonging to the Mission.

One who had lived a long life, Miss Rose Chapman, of Skyland, said in her later years that "the memories of Dr. and Mrs. Buxton, General Martin and Miss Fanny Patton are like the shadows of great rocks in a weary land, that stand for courage, hope and love." And of Miss Rebecca Kimberly she said "She had served the Mission over 60 years. It is good for us to pause and think of the steadfastness and constancy, the loyalty and devotion which characterizes one who has served in a particular field so long. The influence of her life and work here is incalculable and unending." The days of which we are writing were still those of the horse and buggy, autos coming in after 1900, and the first electric street cars in Asheville only shortly before then. So a picture of a devout soul, none other than Mrs. Eveline Coleman, one of the two first members of trinity, Asheville, in her getting to Grace Mission in its early days may not be amiss. As I have been told "She was short and stout, always wore black and a funny little black sunbonnet. She lived near Weaverville, about 8 miles from the Mission, and on the Sunday afternoons that Dr. Buxton held service there she used to come riding horseback or muleback."

(To Be Continued)

CHANGES IN CANONS

Bishop Gribbin has appointed the Rev. J. P. Burke acting chairman of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons. All suggestions for changes must be referred to the Committee in order that changes may be presented at the Diocesan Convention.

Reconstruction and Advance

The HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN had hoped to be able to print a complete parish-by-parish report of the totals received in the Diocese. It did not prove feasible to do so, but Mr. W. H. Stewart was able to give a most encouraging report for the Diocese as a whole. From special gifts and the offerings through the envelope system used throughout the Diocese, the total was \$23,443.19.

The Diocese is indebted to Mr. Stewart for his untiring labors and effort in leading the churches and people of the Diocese. Mr. Stewart received the following letter from Presiding Bishop Tucker which speaks for itself:

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

New York City

November 19, 1946

Mr. H. W. Stewart
40 Edgemont Road
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The measure of success attained by the Reconstruction and Advance Fund was due in a very high degree to the persistent loyal work of the diocesan chairmen. As one of that group, I want to send you a very personal word of thanks and appreciation.

When at the great Opening Service of the General Convention, I presented that offering at the altar and announced its total, I rejoiced that the Episcopal Church had responded so finely to the opportunity opening up before it on every side. Our Far Eastern Commission is now in the Orient securing first hand information as to where best we can use our Reconstruction and Advance funds in that area. As we are able to meet the various needs we shall give thanks anew that the means have been made available through the efforts of a determined people under such leadership as yours.

Faithfully yours,

H. St. George Tucker
Presiding Bishop

DIOCESAN NEWS

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDING BISHOP

Mrs. Thomas Wright of the Church of the Redeemer represented the diocese at the installation of the Most Rev. Henry Knox Sherril as the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church at the Washington Cathedral on January 14th. Mrs. Wright was also a guest at the reception for the new presiding bishop following the installation.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan was the clerical representative from the diocese at the installation to which every diocese had been asked to send one clerical and one lay representative.

HOLY CROSS, VALLE CRUCIS

At the annual congregational meeting, an increased budget was adopted, it was announced that new work in connection with Valle Crucis was being started at Banner Elk, and a new mission committee was elected. The new committee consists of: Messrs. Ernest Townsend, Malcolm Glovier, L. F. Townsend and Mrs. J. W. Davis and Miss Rosalind Ragsdale, Treasurer.

SAINT MARY'S SHARES IN ENDOWMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED BY JAMES A. GRAY OF WINSTON-SALEM

Saint Mary's School and Junior College has been advised by Mr. James A. Gray, Chairman of the Executive Committee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, that the school has been included in the endowment trust fund recently established by Mr. Gray.

The trust foundation established in the Wachovia Bank and Trust Company benefits ten other North Carolina institutions. The income from Reynolds stock, valued at approximately \$25,000, will be available to Saint Mary's for the advancement of teaching. This gift increases the endowment fund of the school by \$25,000.

YOUNG CHURCHMEN NEWS

By Ann Shuford

BESSEMER CITY

Since the coming of Miss Patricia Page last summer, the youth group at St. Andrew's has begun to do things in a big way. Many interesting programs and activities have occupied the group during the past several months. One of the most interesting programs was a talk by a Japanese-American student from Chapel Hill who told of her experiences in a relocation center. (Ed. note: American euphemism for "concentration camp".)

For Christmas the club gave a Christmas pageant and on January 9th the "Feast of Lights" service climaxed the season's activities.

MORGANTON

New group leaders, Misses Avis Ann Oehlbeck and Francie Lyman, were elected January 5th to serve until June.

On the night of December 23rd, the Y.P.S.L. and the Sunday School presented a Christmas pageant.

VALLE CRUCIS—BANNER ELK

Christmas-tide called each and everyone to service. The Girl Scouts of Banner Elk served as the choir at Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, on the first Sunday after Christmas. On Christmas Day, the Girls' Friendly formed the choir and a member of the boys' club served as acolyte and thurifer. The party for the children on Christmas Eve was successful with a trimmed tree and gifts for all.

BOONE

At St. Luke's there is a very interesting youth group called the Canterbury Club. This is a college club and yet it has as one of its fourteen members a high school student. The club publishes a weekly paper called The Canterbury Tales which carries church announcements for the week, editorials, features and a gossip column. The club hopes to feature several programs before Lent. All take part in the choir and sing for special church services.

FLETCHER

On December 19th at 10:30 A. M. two hundred and thirty children gathered at Calvary Church for their annual Christmas tree. One group of the club decorated the tree which was surrounded with gifts wrapped and brought by another group. In the chancel was a set scene of the Holy Family.

The choir for the Christmas Eve midnight service was made up of 44 young people.

An Epiphany pageant was combined with a candlelight service on the Sunday after Epiphany. The service was started at 5:30 so that the candlelight part came at dusk and the beauty and symbolism of the service was not lost.

"PLAN", the suggested program drawn up for youth groups, calls for Inter-Church Youth Week and Race Relations Sunday and the beginning of study for Lent. Our Diocesan Youth Commission urges all young people of the Diocese to participate in these suggested activities during February and Lent.

ST. JOHN'S, MARION

Christmas was a blessed and happy one in St. John's. On the Sunday night before the Festival the children of the Sunday School rendered a series of tableaux in the church in the presence of a large congregation. The tableaux were as follows: Zacharias in the Temple, the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin, The Shepherds in the Field, the Nativity and visit of the Wise Men, and the Flight into Egypt.

A Children's Choir has been started which gives great promise. They sing at all the services, and did themselves proud at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The church was packed for this service. Ten children received special gifts for perfect attendance at Sunday School during the year.

Morganton Convocation

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Sanborn, formerly of Trinity Parish, Asheville, are now living in Penland and employed at the Appalachian School. Mr. Sanborn has been a Lay Reader in the Diocese of Western North Carolina for many years, and has many friends throughout the Diocese.

The Rev. William C. Cravner, well known and beloved in the Diocese of Western North Carolina as a former Rector of All Souls', Biltmore, is now preaching as locum tenens at St. Mark's, Gastonia.

There have been several younger married couples who are Churchmen and who have moved to Lenoir. Recently they conferred with the Rector, the Rev. B. M. Lackey, and are organizing a Bible Class for adults in St. James' Church School. Editorial Comment to other younger married couples in our parishes and missions:—"Go, and do thou likewise!"

At the time the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN goes to press the Rev. Samuel B. Stroup, Rector of Ascension Church, Hickory, is critically ill. He suffered a stroke January 9th, and has been confined to his bed since that time. His son, the Rev. D. J. Stroup, formerly at Redeemer, Asheville, and at present Rector of Epiphany, Rensselaer, N. Y., returned to Hickory January 17th to be with his father during his illness.

The Convocation of Morganton is meeting in St. James' Church, Lenoir, February 12th, at 10:30 A. M. Following the celebration of Holy Communion the Rev. Joseph S. Huske, Jr., Rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, will conduct a meditation for the clergy in preparation for Lent. The afternoon session is to be given over to reports and general discussion by the clergy of the Morganton Convocation.

Question Box

How Can I Find Out What The New Marriage Laws of Our Church Are?

A fifteen page booklet containing these laws has just been printed by the Morehouse-Gorham Co., 14 East 41st St., New York. It also contains a list of suggested readings on marriage; books and pamphlets. Bishop Gribbin has mailed copies of this booklet to his clergy. Ask your rector!

What Is The Purpose of Convocations? Do All Dioceses Have Them?

No, all dioceses do not have convocations. Our Diocese has two: the Convocation of Asheville and the Convocation of Morganton. Each of these elects a Dean annually. Dean Farnum is the Dean of the Asheville Convocation and Dean Lackey of Lenoir is the Dean of the Morganton Convocation.

Section 4 of Canon 16 (our diocesan canons) reads as follows: "The objects of the Convocation shall be: To devise plans for the extension of the Church within the limits of the Convocation; to afford an opportunity for the Clergy and laity to come together for conference; to hold public services for discussions of religious topics of general interest."

The meetings of the Convocation are open to all; laity as well as the clergy. It is enheartening to note that these meetings are being more widely attended than formerly, especially by the laity. The best way to catch the spirit and purpose of Convocation is to attend.

Mrs. N. E. Van Tuyl, mother of the late Mrs. A. P. Mack, died of pneumonia in Marion General Hospital on January 13th. The funeral was held in the church on the 15th. Fr. Lambert, of Penland, celebrated the Requiem Mass, Fr. Webster, of Rutherfordton, read the Burial Office, and Fr. Rhys, of Black Mountain, said the Committal at the grave.

Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

A CREATIVE ARTIST INTERPRETS THE CREATOR

"The Mind of the Maker" by Dorothy Sayers. Harcourt, Brace: \$2.00.

For a living Miss Sayers writes detective stories, which are usually first published in her native England but also enjoy a large sale in America. They are just about perfect in their kind. She has also written plays which are good to read or to act. Yet it's likely that her greatest interest in life is the welfare of the Church. She holds an outstanding place among the English laity. And she gives of her time and talent to explain the nature of God and His Religion in ways that will be appreciated by those who read her stories.

In tracts and pamphlets her striking and incisive style expresses what we know already better than we had ever thought of saying it. But when she tackles the interpretation of the dogmas of Creation and the Trinity, she gives the impression that for all future time these subjects should not be approached by anyone who had not proved creative

ability by producing a novel, a symphony, or some outstanding work of art.

For the analogy is drawn between the creative action of man and of God, which is probably the most effective explanation that can be given in human terms. And no one can understand the creative action of man so well as the person who engages in it. The treatment of the theme here is at once scientific, convincing, and easy to follow. The sole reason why this review has not appeared earlier is because, during the war and immediate post-war periods, English publications have not been too readily available in America.

OUR CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD

**"Liturgy and Society" by A. G. Hebert
(Society of the Sacred Mission)**

Probably all of us at times grow discouraged because our Church persists in neglecting what we feel sure would completely restore her effectiveness. And none of us has greater justification for doing so than the members of our Religious Orders which we so commonly neglect. Thus when a member of one of those same Orders publishes a book which faces all the real or imagined de-

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fects of the Anglican Communion, and recognises them frankly, and yet leaves us with a reasoned defence of our Church that can stand up to any argument, we feel a satisfaction greater than we can express.

Of course the reader of this book must expect to find plenty of his own prejudices shown to be without foundation, and many of his own pet theories of religion disproved. And Father Hebert is a scholar who knows, as well as the most informed of his readers ever will, the customs and faith of the earliest generations of Christians. There is practically no possibility of appeal from his judgement.

In substance what he shows is this. The real life of God's Church does not consist in any form of personal religion. Personal devotion can never be a substitute for corporate religion. The real life of God's Church does not consist in any system of dogma. The revelation of God is a fact rather than a doctrine. The real life of God's Church centres in Her worship. And so long as that is basically true to Christ's intention, God will be with us. Father Hebert finds the Anglican Communion a satisfactory spiritual home because we hold to truth rather than truths, because of "a deep faith in the Church herself and not merely in a system of belief". On that charter all of us can stand.

CONVOCATION OF ASHEVILLE

The Convocation will meet at St. James, Hendersonville, on February 11 and 12. The main items on its agenda are as follows:

1. Election of a Dean.
2. Paper by the Rev. Frank A. Saylor on "The Book of Common Prayer in a Rural Field".
3. "Reflections of a Hospital Chaplain" by the Rev. J. Howard Rhys.
4. Pre-Lenten Quiet Day conducted by the retiring Dean, Fr. Farnum, who has served in this capacity since 1922.

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The radio venture of the Department of Promotion proved to be 100 per cent financial failure, although some persons expressed oral appreciation of the six 10:00 A. M. Sunday broadcasts over Asheville's Station WNCA this fall. Several Diocesan clergy, including the Bishop, broadcast these services. It was a continuation of “The Episcopal Radio Hour” inaugurated by the Rev. D. J. Stroup at his request when he left this Diocese. His program had been self-supporting. Hoping the Department of Promotion's radio venture would also support itself, one lay member of the Department contributed generously to underwrite the series of six broadcasts; the remainder were underwritten indiscreetly by one clergyman's “Discretionary Fund.”

We feel that perhaps we failed to give proper written publicity, and failed to appeal sufficiently for money from those interested in such a venture. We therefore hereby make it plain that we shall go back on the air if and when contributions sufficient for a series of six broadcasts are sent for “The Episcopal Radio Hour” to Mr. V. Jordan Brown, Asheville Mica Company, Biltmore, N. C. Each broadcast costs \$12.72. Mr. Brown is in charge of this phase of the Department's work.

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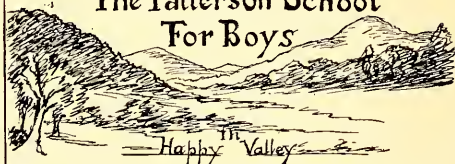
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"Feast of Lights" at Redeemer

The spread of Christianity was illustrated by a candlelight service of "The Feast of Lights" at the Church of the Redeemer. The service was conducted by Fr. Greenwood, the priest-in-charge.

The Eternal Trinity was represented by three-fold candles burning on the altar throughout the service. From these, one large candle representing Christ the Light of the World was lit. Next to be lit were three candles representing the wise men who brought their

gifts to the Infant Jesus and in turn received His light.

After the reading of the appointment of the Apostles from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, 12 candles representing each of the Apostles was lighted.

A candle was then lighted from one of the Apostles candles for the bishops and from the bishop's candle, a candle for the priests. Taking light from the priest's candle, the acolytes went down the aisle lighting a candle in each pew. Members of the congregation then lighted their candles one from another, representing the ministry of all people to share in bringing the Light of Christ to all men.



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World Relief

At first glance it would look as if the Church has laid a great burden on herself by setting a goal of a million dollars a year for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. It is *not* a great burden. Christians cannot say that the burden is too great when the task is one of carrying out our blessed Lord's command to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. If we are honest, and take our Lord's words seriously, we know that a million dollars is far too little in the present situation. It is only because our Church is joining with other members of the World Council of Churches in raising a total of twelve million dollars a year that we can rest the least bit easy.

Even in the times of our greatest necessity in America we have never had to face the situation that confronts the population of most of the rest of the world. People in American cities have never died by the hundreds every day of starvation, lack of medical attention, and exposure. But at this moment hundreds of our fellow human beings are so dy-

ing, and hundreds more will die tomorrow unless the Christian churches of America do something about it.

The instrument we have at hand is world relief administered by the World Council of Churches. This is not stop-gap relief, designed simply to fill stomachs and clothe bodies. It is the organized attempt on the part of the Christian Church to prevent the degeneration of the bodies *and* souls of a whole generation. Funds for relief will be administered directly through the churches by individual pastors; there will be no official red-tape and the horrible misuse of funds and supplies that has marked so many attempts on the part of governments to administer relief.

Many churches in the Diocese have made plans already for doing their share in raising the million dollars our Church has pledged. A good number of the parishes and missions are going to devote the Easter Offering to the Presiding Bishop's Fund. Others will make a contribution at some other time. But no matter what the means or the time, the important thing is that a generous contribution be made before May 25th.

A million dollars is a great deal of money. It is not so much that we cannot raise it. After all, it figures out to 45 cents per member. If every communicant in the Diocese of Western North Carolina will give 45 cents, we will succeed in doing just our share. We should all do more.

Father Farnum

Father Farnum's retirement from St. Mary's Asheville, and the active ministry will leave a large gap in the ranks of the Diocese. We need to mention only a few of his activities to see how much he will be missed. As Dean of the Convocation of Asheville for 25 years, he gave inspired leadership to meetings that were outstanding for their interest. As sometime editor of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, he spread the news of the work of the Diocese far and near; nor has he
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Church To Give Million For World Relief

The Episcopal Church is asking its members to give, within the next few weeks, a minimum sum of one million dollars to be expended immediately for relief of needy peoples in Europe and Asia. This sum represents the first of three million that the Church has determined to raise in 1947, 1948 and 1949. The following is an official statement on the need for this Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief:

It is more than mere Christian compassion for the sufferings of our fellow men that spurs our contribution to world relief today. The very nature of the relief that is needed makes this peculiarly a task for Churchmen.

Meeting the physical needs of the war victims is not enough. The most dire needs of people in all the wartorn countries are spiritual ones. Besides the homes and factories and churches that have been destroyed, the farmlands that have been rendered useless, the food supplies that have been cut off, there are wounded spirits and scarred souls to be healed. The moral conscience of whole countries must be reawakened and this is the solemn obligation of the Christian Churches.

To be sure, physical needs must be met first. A man who is starving, whose children are dying for lack of food, does not pause to consider the moral issue involved when he has the opportunity to steal some bread. This man, his children, all his neighbors must have food. In all probability they desperately need clothing too. And medicines. But the relief must not stop there. These people—they are to be found in most countries of Europe and many of Asia—need religious guidance, the opportunity to worship, the services of a Christian clergyman, healthy opportunities for study and recreation.

Convinced that world relief in all its aspects is an obligation belonging expressly to the Churches, believing, too, that this relief must be administered on the basis of need and not sect, the Churches have banded together in Church World Service, a cooperative effort to raise funds and to send help to the places of greatest need. Episcopal Churchmen take part in this cooperative effort through their contributions to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Church World Service administers relief through two agencies: World Council of Churches in Europe and the National Christian Councils in Asia.

Episcopal contributions in 1946 amounted to \$825,000, money that is already at work helping to relieve the suffering in war-ravaged countries. But a tremendous and desperate need still remains. To help meet this continuing need the Church is raising \$1,000,000 during each of the next three years, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

The Episcopal Church and World Relief

The Episcopal Church through bishops, clergy, and laity is represented in the policy-making and distribution program which clears through Church World Service and operates under the supervision of the World Council of Churches in Europe and the National Christian Councils in Asia. Through Sister Churches we are further related to the relief program in all countries.

Harper Sibley is president of Church World Service, Mrs. Henry Hill Pierce and the Rev. Almon R. Pepper are on its executive board. Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, Robert D. Jordan, the Rev. Edward R. Hardy, and Paul B. Anderson serve on

various committees. Two Churchmen, Miss Hazel Ormsbee and the Rev. Benjamin T. Brodie, are members of its staff.

In Europe the Rt. Rev. J. I. B. Larned and Mr. Anderson serve on World Council relief committees as do representatives of the Church of England and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. The Rev. Raymond E Maxwell of St. Louis is a World Council field worker in the French Zone of Germany, and the Rev. Edward Every, of the English Church, in Greece. The Archbishop of Greece and the Metropolitan of Crete are chairmen of the World Council Reconstruction Committees in their countries.

In Asia, national Churches of the Anglican Communion are represented on the National Christian Councils in every country. Thus, Bishops Roberts, Craghill, and Gilman are prominently associated with the American Advisory Committee in China, and Archdeacon Walworth Tyng, and the Rev. Kimber Den are in charge of relief distribution through the Episcopal missions in their respective areas.

The Anglican Churches in the British Isles, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are all participating members in the coordinating agencies which are the counterpart of Church World Service in their countries.

A Message from the Presiding Bishop

The Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Henry K. Sherril, has issued the following statement over his signature concerning the importance of the current campaign to raise one million dollars for world relief.

"The importance of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief cannot be over-emphasized. Millions of people are in desperate need. Here is an opportunity to meet in part this tragic situation in the name of Christ and the Church. The authority for this appeal rests upon the unanimous action of General Convention. But there is greater authority: the example and the words of our Master. As the first Epistle of St. John declares: *'But whoso has this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?'* Here is an appeal to heart and conscience. This is Christianity in practice."

World Relief Plans In The Diocese

Plans are now being made in the Diocese for raising part of the million dollars the Church is asking for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Portfolios containing information on the conduct of the campaign as well as samples of the materials that may prove useful have been sent to all the clergy. Among the suggested material available are offering envelopes with a picture on them of the first "displaced persons" mentioned in the New Testament—the Holy Family fleeing for safety into Egypt.

Already a good number of parishes and missions in the Diocese, through their clergy, have indicated their willingness to devote the Easter offering to World Relief. Other parishes and missions that do not find this possible are planning to ask for an offering at a later date. It is hoped that the whole diocesan-wide campaign will be brought to a close by May 25th. It should be understood that this

Morganton Convocation Clergy Meet

Most of the clergy of the Convocation of Morganton met for a Pre-Lenten service of worship and meditation at St. James' Church, Lenoir on February 12th. The meeting began with a celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m., with the Dean of the Convocation, the Rev. B. M. Lackey, as celebrant. Following the service, the Rev. J. S. Huske, rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, conducted a meditation for the clergy.

Luncheon was served by the ladies of the parish and was followed by a round table discussion of topics of interest to the Convocation and the Diocese as a whole.

As this meeting was not a regular meeting of the Convocation with the laity represented, there was no election of a Dean. It was suggested and approved that adult delegates be secured for a meeting at the time of the presentation of the mite boxes. In this connection, the presentation service was fixed for Saturday, April 19th at 11 a. m. at Grace Church, Morganton. Each delegation will bring picnic dinners. A movie will be shown in the parish house following dinner.

The Rev. W. C. Leach presented the matter of planning for the campaign within the Diocese for the Presiding

Bishop's Fund for World Relief. After some discussion, the clergy who were present agreed to ask their congregations to devote the Easter offering this year to World Relief. It was recommended that the clergy of the Convocation of Asheville be apprised of this plan. It was taken into consideration that this plan would mean that the large offerings of Easter, counted upon rather heavily by many parishes, would represent real sacrificial giving.

After discussion of various other topics of interest, the Dean brought the meeting to a close with prayer. Special prayers were said for the Rev. S. B. Stroup and a message was directed to be sent to him in his illness.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The circulation manager of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, Mr. Charles Grigsby, requests that every parish and mission send in a corrected and revised mailing list for the diocesan paper. It is most important that this mailing list be corrected as soon as possible, and the cooperation of the clergy is especially solicited. It is unsound to continue to mail the paper to those who have died, moved away or are not bona fide subscribers. Mr. Grigsby's address is 440 Montford Ave., Asheville.

does not mean that further contributions by individuals or parishes throughout the year are not hoped for.

No definite quota has been set by the National Council for the Diocese, but it is suggested that one-half of the mathematical quota of each diocese and missionary district would be a good basis for figuring what each diocesan share would be. Each parish and mission within the Diocese will soon receive a quota that will be of help in setting a definite goal within that parish or mission.

A 16 mm. sound motion picture is available for showing within the Diocese for those parishes that would like to use it in connection with their campaign. Entitled "Not By Bread Alone", this picture was filmed in Europe and sets forth the need of Europe's neediest cases and shows how that need is being met by the World Council of Churches. Where projectors are available, this film can be secured by writing the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**, Box 55, Valle Crucis.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

St. Cyprian's, Franklin, is enjoying three services weekly during Lent under the direction of the Rev. Rufus Morgan, and expect to have the Archdeacon Kennedy sometime during the Lenten season.

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The Chapel of Rest, Legerwood, had the good fortune to have Miss Jean Hanson, former Red Cross worker in Burma, to speak at their Lenten study of India.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Matthias and the Missionary Group from Calvary Presbyterian Church will have joint Lenten study.

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The Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Asheville, will join with the Auxiliary of All Soul's, Biltmore, in Lenten study classes each Monday, to be conducted by the Rev. Isaac Northup, of All Soul's. The subject to be studied will be "The Life of Christ".

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Mrs. Arthur Sherman, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary who had returned from her trip to the Orient only two days previous shared with the Board some of her experiences and observations during those two months. She traveled 18,500 miles, most of it in a jeep. The National Council recorded its deep appreciation of the cooperation of General McArthur in furthering the visit of the Far Eastern Commission to the Orient.

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Some interesting new publications, recommended as worthwhile for reading and study are:

"Behold the City of God" by Bishop Dunn.

"The Strength to Build" a Triennial Report.

"Unto God's City" a meditation on the U.T.O. Service.

"Tell Us About Supply Work."

"Women's Work In The Church" a dramatization on the recruiting of women for work in the Church.

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The following interesting report was received from Mrs. Eloise McKinsey, the U.T.O. worker in Glendale Springs:

Poor little Holy Trinity Mission! With every change of workers (and there have been many) its policy and emphasis changes. No wonder it has not shown a steady, healthy growth. Its fortunes are at a low ebb now if we think only of the baptized and confirmed members. The new priest-in-charge, the Rev. James McKeown, will have the doubtful satisfaction of building from the ground up.

If I had to measure the worth of my service here during the past nineteen months by the response of the Episcopalians, I should certainly be looking for another place to work. On my arrival in June, 1945, an eager group of girls greeted me with the question, "Are you going to have Girls' Friendly?" Naturally the answer was "Yes", and that little group has grown and grows continuously. And how the individuals have grown! From timid children who felt no confidence in their ability to do the simplest handicrafts, they have progressed to the point where they will attempt, and accomplish, anything suggested. They have written songs and prayers, planned worship services, learned about health and "manners" and sportsmanship and broadened their horizons amazingly. Mondays find them at the Mission House, but Sundays find

them in the Presbyterian and Baptist churches.

Certain little brothers came so regularly to GFS that this Fall I announced that we would form a Boys' Club for boys up to 9. That was so successful that the older boys couldn't keep away, so now we have a Big Boys' Club, also. Both groups specialize in wood-working.

Our weekly Library Hour is important, I feel, as it is almost the only source of reading matter for the school children. Hundreds of books are read during a year.

Though my real reason for staying here is the work with the children, there are other bright spots in the picture. While I was away last summer, attending the Valle Crucis Training School, one of our faithful women canned for me all the produce she found on the place—a most unselfish act, for her days were already too full. Another woman makes the Communion wine, and a young man supplies the Church with wood. The Church cleaning is done by a devoted soul who is happier in her Father's House than anywhere else, and her daughter is the Altar Guild. Both the women and the GFS have worked hard for World Relief and a genuine feeling of concern for the suffering overseas has

prompted their work and gifts.

Mr. McKeown comes to this field from a year of specialized study of the Rural Church. He plans to inaugurate many schemes for community betterment. Already he has organized the Mission at a parish supper meeting where a Mission Committee was elected. He has placed a registered Guernsey bull calf with one of the young men of the Mission, with the idea of eventually improving the dairy stock of the county. Weaving will shortly be started as a new interest and source of income for the women and as time goes on there will be other community projects to report, under Mr. McKeown's leadership and God's guidance.

—Eloise L. McKinsey.

The Virginia Branch of the Huguenot Society has made a gift to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, designated to buy milk for French tubercular children.

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Father Farnum

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ever lost his journalistic interests, for up until the last issue he was the main contributor to the editorial page. A delegate to three General Conventions, member of the Executive Council for many years, and worker on countless other committees, he has indeed rendered yeoman service to the Diocese in which he has worked since 1917.

But it has been in the most important task of all that Father Farnum has been distinguished—he has been a parish priest. The daily round of worship has been his joyful duty; men and women have been won to Christ and His Church; souls have sought and found counsel and absolution; and children have been well and truly taught the Catholic Faith.

It is hardly fair to the type of priesthood that Father Farnum represents to say that he has “retired”. “Retirement” carries a meaning of ceasing from all work. We would rather say that Father Farnum will simply live less strenuously than he has in the past.

We rejoice that he will live among us for part of each year; we wish him every blessing; and we say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

Convocation of Asheville

Meeting on February 11th at St. James' Church, Hendersonville, the Convocation of Asheville elected the Rev. Westwell Greenwood Dean of the Convocation. Father Greenwood, priest in charge of St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove and Redeemer, Craggy, succeeds Father Farnum.

During the morning session on the first day of meeting, the Rev. Howard Rhys, vicar of St. James', Black Mountain, was elected secretary and treasurer.

During the morning session of the first day, the Convocation voted to provide two scholarships to the youth camp to be held at Patterson School in June.

A letter of congratulation was sent to Archdeacon Kennedy on his receiving the Silver Beaver for Boy Scout work.

Father Rhys read a paper on his work as chaplain at Oteen Hospital during the afternoon session, and the Rev. I. N. Northup was the speaker at the evening service.

A pre-Lenten Quiet Day was held on Wednesday, beginning with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Father Farnum was the conductor.

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Youth News

By Ann Shuford

The Youth Commission of the Diocese met in the parish house of Grace Church, Morganton, on Thursday, February 13th. The Rev. Mark Jenkins, chairman of the Commission, presided. Nine members were present.

Plans were made for the Diocesan Youth Camp at Patterson School during the second week of June. The Rev. Boston Lackey, Jr., of Shelby was elected director, Mr. Jenkins, vice-director, and the Rev. Charles Leavell, chaplain. The faculty and counsellors will be chosen at a later date.

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Another activity for the young people is planned for October; a two day youth convention will be held in the Diocese for the promotion of youth work.

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THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN will be put on a mailing list with other youth groups of the South. In this way, the young people will be drawn together by knowing of each others activities.

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The Youth Commission went on record as unanimously endorsing a change in section 7 canon 10 of the Diocesan Canons concerning the age limit of voters in the elections of vestrymen in parish elections. The Commission favors a change from 21 years to 16 years.

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At the Diocesan Convention, a Negro will be named to serve on the Youth Commission.

Boys of a boarding school in New Jersey decided it was a bit frivolous to buy corsages for their dates for the junior prom when there are so many starving people in the world. So they worked out a plan with their dates to give the money that would have been spent for corsages to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

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Archdeacon Kennedy receiving the Silver Beaver for his work with the Boy Scouts of America.

**Archdeacon Kennedy
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On Monday, February 10, at a meeting of the Negro Division of the Daniel Boone Council of the Boy Scouts of America held in Asheville, N. C., the Ven. James T. Kennedy received the highest award which the Council can give: that of the Silver Beaver. This award was conferred on Archdeacon Kennedy in recognition of his faithful years of service in the interest of Boy Scouts of the Council, both in connection with the local troop and in the Negro Division. Mr. William Ensor of Cherokee made the presentation on behalf of the Council and of the wearers of the Silver Beaver.

Archdeacon Kennedy began his work with the Church in 1887 when he went to Franklin as cabinet maker and instructor in the mission of St. Cyprian's. He was ordained deacon in 1890 and advanced to the priesthood in 1915. Although he has retired and is 81 years of age he still does supply work in the Diocese wherever he is needed.

Question Box

At the Holy Communion service I hear the priest and people say something about "O Saving Victim" near the end. What is this, and why is something different from the Prayer Book service used?

This is a hymn, Number 209. The words are:

O Saving Victim, opening wide

The gate of heaven to man below,

Our foes press on from every side,

Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend

For evermore, blest One in Three:

O grant us life that shall not end,

In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

This hymn is frequently used instead of the Gloria in excelsis, which is on page 84 of the Prayer Book. You will note the rubric (on page 83) preceding the Gloria in excelsis. This rubric states: "Then shall be said the Gloria in excelsis, all standing, or some proper hymn."

Is it possible to worship in the Episcopal Church without using the Prayer Book? I get quite confused trying to follow the service.

Yes, it is possible to worship without the Prayer Book.

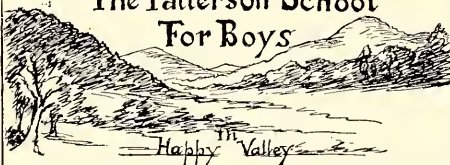
Remember, the Prayer Book is an aid to devotion, and is not a substitute. If it seems to make your devotions too mechanical—if you get so concerned in "finding the place" that you lose the spirit of worship, put your Prayer Book down and spiritually follow the service.

It is much better to shut your eyes and enter the spirit of the service rather than lose your temper because you are not so familiar with the Prayer Book.

But check with your Rector. He will be glad to help you know the Prayer Book and its services better.



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J. W. Tuton to be Rector at Trinity

The Rev. John W. Tuton, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Mt. Washington, Baltimore, Md., has accepted a call to be rector of Trinity Church and will begin his duties the last Sunday in April.

Announcement of Mr. Tuton's election as rector of the church and his acceptance was made to the Trinity congregation by Julian A. Woodcock, Jr., senior warden.

The new rector succeeds the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, who recently announced plans to retire from the ministry after serving Trinity 20 years. He will continue to conduct services until the arrival of Mr. Tuton.

Mr. Tuton was born in Utica, N. Y., October 28, 1914, the son of John Craig and Gertrude Wilson Tuton. Upon completion of public schools of the city

he entered Lehigh university in 1931, graduating with honors in 1935. He attended General Theological seminary in New York city, graduating in 1938. As a part of his seminary training he attended the Cincinnati School of Social Work.

After his graduation from the seminary, Mr. Tuton was assistant rector of Emmanuel church, Baltimore, from June 1938, to January 1941, when he became rector of St. John's church.

Mr. Tuton is president of the Clerical Discussion group of Baltimore, chairman of the music commission of the Diocese of Maryland, a member of the board of directors of the Church Mission of Help, a member of the committee on new parishes and congregations and a delegate to the provincial synod.

In 1943, Mr. Tuton was married to Miss Ernestine Rich of Baltimore. They have a daughter, born last year.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Church has lost a faithful parish priest with the death of the Rev. Samuel Bradley Stroup. For over thirty years rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hickory, he will be sorely missed in his parish and in the diocese.

On the human level, men are honored for the activity and zeal they show in their relations with their fellow-men, but the honor that comes to men for courage in suffering and the quiet life of prayer comes only from God. The times without number that Mr. Stroup has gone to the altar to celebrate the holy mysteries when other men would have groaned in pain is only an instance of this priest's devotion to his Blessed Lord.

"May the soul of the faithful departed rest in peace; and light perpetual shine upon him."

Easter and World Relief

The energies and the resources of our Church are dedicated to the task of raising one million dollars for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Our share is three thousand three hundred dollars; this can be raised by each parish and mission giving a proportionate share.

Much encouragement has come by the ready response of many parishes, missions, and two of our schools; plans are well under way to have Easter offerings and offerings at other times to be given to the Fund.

Now we call upon the *people* who make up these churches and schools to be so fired with Christian love of humanity that the thousands of hungry, the multitude of the homeless and churchless throughout the world will not stretch out their hands to us in vain.

Let us make the Easter message of the victory of life over death a living reality by our unstinted generosity.

Church Congress

Arrangements have been made with the Rev. Capers Satterlee for the Regional Church Congress to meet at the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg, S. C., April 29th, with supper meeting at 6:30 P. M. An interesting program is being arranged on the topic "Authority and Freedom in Doctrine" which should draw both laymen and priests from Western North Carolina, Upper South Carolina, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The program is being arranged so that most persons may leave by 9:30 P. M. at the latest, and return home for the night.

The Christus Rex on our cover is a photograph of the altar cross to be placed in the Sanctuary of Trinity Chapel, Haw Creek, N. C. It was designed and executed by Charles Latimer Grigsby of Asheville.

Are We Able?

Editorial writers are often given to "viewing with alarm" and the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is no exception to the rule. We are concerned over the failure of the Diocese to show an increase in the number of those who are Episcopalians. At a time when many dioceses are showing large increases and when denominational bodies within our own borders are reporting a steady advance in membership, Western North Carolina has had the doubtful distinction of being one of two dioceses that was reported to have decreased in communicant strength in 1945.

It is possible to advance plausible reasons for the 2% decrease within our ranks. One reason advanced is the attempt by some parishes and missions to present a more accurate report of their numerical strength by dropping many names from their rolls. We heartily agree with the idea that totally inactive members and those who have moved with no attempt to transfer their membership should not be reported. A concern over having to report fewer members should not allow us to condone "padded" communicant lists.

Reasons, however, plausible, do not enable us to meet the problems caused by numerical weakness or what is worse, weakening of our numbers. In our parishes and missions the undertaking of new building, much needed repairs, support of the clergy is not being done enough. We are not showing forth to many communities that the Episcopal Church is a vital Church. All too often we are met with a blank look of surprise when we ask the whereabouts of the Church in a town where it has been established for many years.

In our diocesan life the problems caused by our numerical weakness are even more glaring. Every year at Convention the Treasurer has to report that we have just been able to meet our

obligations, that there was the utmost difficulty in scraping enough money together to pay mission salaries, and that there was no balance large enough to permit a real advance in efforts to expand our influence. When the Finance Department presents the budget, one can be almost certain that the same figures that were in the last year's budget will be repeated. If there should be boldness in asking for an appreciable increase on any given item in the budget, that boldness is met with the logic that few members mean few dollars, and few dollars dictates our staying in the same old track.

Our failure to be opening new churches, our failure to be able to procure and support more priests and lay-workers, and our failure to make the Church a power for good in the area God has allotted to us all have their roots in the failure to expand our membership. But these failures are as nothing when compared with the grave spiritual danger we are in if a trend towards weakness is allowed to continue. Men and women in need of the comforting Gospel look at our weakening Church and are not drawn to it. For those within the Church the sense of weakness leads to the deadening or loss of interest and the falling away of the weak. Our Bishop has always been aware of the spiritual danger due to numerical weakness, and time after time has called upon his priests and laity to win more men and women to the Church.

The answer to the problems caused by a decreasing Church population lies in this: priests and people must do more than they have in the past to bring souls to Christ through His Church. There must be such a revival of evangelical zeal that we will abandon the policy of hoping that the Episcopal birth-rate and our social respectability will make us grow.



Webbe Accepts Call As Rector of St. Mary's

The Rev. Gale D. Webbe, chaplain at Christ School, Arden, has accepted a call to St. Mary's Episcopal church, where he will succeed the Rev. Arthur W. Farnum as rector.

Father Farnum will retire May 1, and Father Webbe will come to the parish June 10, at the end of the school year.

Father Webbe, who is an instructor and assistant coach at the school, has been at Christ School for six years. He graduated at Amherst College in 1930, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity and captain of his swimming team. Following graduation he attended General Theological Seminary in New York, graduating in 1935, and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood.

For the next two years he was in Kansas engaged in mission work, following this with work in St. Andrews parish in New Jersey for four years. At present he lives on the campus of the school with his wife and two children, Carroll, nine, and David, six.

Father Webbe has written a number of short stories which have been published under the pen name of Stephen Cole in the Saturday Evening Post and in Redbook magazine.

The Rev. John C. Seagle Dies

The Rev. John C. Seagle, retired priest, died Sunday, March 23 at his home in Hendersonville following a short illness.

A native of Rutherfordton, he was the son of the late Phillip C. and Mary Drake Seagle. He attended the University of North Carolina and General Theological Seminary.

Before his ordination, Mr. Seagle was sent by Bishop Cheshire to teach school at Beaver Creek, in Ashe County. He and Mrs. Lou Taylor, now of Valle Crucis, were present at the famous confirmation where Bishop Cheshire was forced to hold confirmation out of doors. The use of the school building had been forcibly refused because feeling was then running high in the neighborhood against the Church.

Mr. Seagle's first parish was St. Paul's Church, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where he served from 1910 to 1917. From 1917 to 1925 he was rector of St. Phillip's Church, Brevard, and from 1925 to 1931 he was rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Church at Salisbury. His last parish was St. John's, Charleston, S. C., where he served from 1931 until his retirement in 1940.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Mary Kent Seagle; two sisters, Mrs. N. E. Smith and Mrs. C. R. Cody, both of Hendersonville; and two brothers, the Rev. Nathan A. Seagle and P. E. Seagle.

Funeral services were held in St. James Church, Hendersonville, on Tuesday, March 25, at 11 o'clock, with the Rev. J. P. Burke officiating.



The Rev. S. B. Stroup Dies

The Rev. Samuel Bradley Stroup, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hickory, died on March 26 following a long illness. Mr. Stroup's death brought to a close the longest pastorate in the diocese, a tenure of over 33 years.

A native of Fletcher, he spent his boyhood at Arden where he helped to build Christ School. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina with the class of 1910, and from the General Theological Seminary in 1913. Upon his ordination to the diaconate in 1913, he came to Hickory where he was advanced to the priesthood.

Until illness prevented his active participation, Mr. Stroup held many important positions in the diocese. He had been a deputy of General Convention,

a member of the Standing Committee which he served as Secretary for many years, a member of the Executive Council, and up to the time of his death he was the chairman of the board of examining chaplains.

In addition to his work as a parish priest, he was active in community affairs in Hickory. He was a charter member of the Hickory Rotary club.

He leaves his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Hugh LaFone of Hickory; two sons, S. B. Stroup, Jr., of Kannapolis and the Rev. Dudley J. Stroup, rector of Epiphany Church, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, March 28, at Hickory, with Bishop Gribbin officiating. The clergy of the diocese attended, serving as honorary pallbearers.

Trinity Church Plans Rectory

A campaign is currently in progress to raise \$18,100 for the purchase of a rectory for Trinity Episcopal church, it was announced yesterday by Edwin S. Hartshorn, general chairman of the drive.

Negotiations have been completed for purchase of a house at 76 Gertrude Place, Mr. Hartshorn explained. The fund will be obtained from members of Trinity parish.

The present rectory adjoining the church is unsuitable for tenancy having been unused for many years. The Rev. John W. Tuton, new rector of the church, succeeding the Rev. George Floyd Rogers, who retired recently, will arrive in April.

Checks for the fund may be sent to V. Jordan Brown, parish treasurer, at Trinity church on Church street.

Youth News

By Ann Shuford

Asheville

The youth club of Trinity, Asheville, has adopted a 16 month old baby in Europe. Ten dollars was collected and sent to headquarters where a box will be packed, fully equipped with the necessary items for the baby.

Because the club did not have a con-

Young Peoples' Camp June 8-14

The Diocesan Young Peoples' Camp will be held at Patterson School beginning with supper on Sunday, June 8th and ending after breakfast on Saturday, June 14th.

Registrations will be limited to Episcopalians until May 15th, so the application printed in this issue should be sent in at once to the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., Box 997, Shelby, N. C.

The age limit will be 13 to 24. Full-er information will be found in the May Youth Issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN.

stitution, a committee was set up to write a new one. After several meetings the constitution was finished and unanimously accepted by the group.

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Gastonia

Since the reorganization of the youth group of St. Mark's, Gastonia, much progress has been made. One of their goals is to raise funds for a credence table for the planned new church. Towards raising funds for this purpose the club sponsored an auction, selling sandwiches and drinks. The cakes, cookies, candy, and other tempting items auctioned off were given to the young people by the Auxiliary. Girls from the local Youth Center entertained the guests with songs and piano selections. A very beautiful selection of Ave Maria was played as a violin selection. The club made a profit of \$52.

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Province of Sewanee

Helen Thomas, president of the Diocesan Young People's organization and representative on the Provincial Youth Commission, attended a meeting of this Commission in Atlanta, February 28 to March 2. This meeting was held to plan the summer camp at Kanuga, July 22 to August 2. Helen was made secretary of the Provincial Com-

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Overseas Relief

On March 16th, at the First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, an interdenominational youth meeting was held for the purpose of stressing Overseas Relief. Members of Calvary, Fletcher, and St. James, Hendersonville, attended this meeting. Dr. Grady Harding, Methodist minister at Black Mountain, was the speaker of the afternoon. A movie, "Seeds of Destiny", was shown, portraying the life in Europe as it is today. It is hoped that all young people of North Carolina will support this program for Overseas Relief.

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Fletcher

A new Church School class has been organized for the members of the Young Churchmen's Club at Calvary, Fletcher. Mr. H. Small Miller, a new member of the Vestry, is the teacher. For the course of study, "Our Christian Character" was chosen.

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Reminders

Plan now for the Nationwide Corporate Communion for all the youth of the Church on April 27th, three weeks after Easter.

Keep your offerings going into your mite boxes and let's surpass last year's total. The Convocational Services for the Presentation of the Lenten Offering are scheduled as follows:

Convocation of Asheville, at Calvary Church, Fletcher, Sunday, April 20, 3 p. m.

Convocation of Morganton, at Grace Church, Morganton, Saturday, April 19, 11 a. m.

Watch the Youth News column for further news about Patterson Camp, and fill out and mail now the application blank to be found in this issue of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**.

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Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

Q. What is the procedure for changing Diocesan Canons?

Any proposition to alter or add to the Canons of the Diocese should be submitted, in writing, to the Chairman of the Committee on Canons. He, in turn, submits the proposition to the members of the Committee for consideration. After the proposition is duly considered by the Committee it may be reported to the Convention of the Diocese. If it is reported on the First Day of the Convention, it may be discussed and passed the Second Day of the Convention. A change in the Constitution, however, requires two Conventions.

Q. I think one should be a communicant in order to be eligible for a vestryman. What do you think?

Some Dioceses do make this requirement, but in a small Diocese, composed chiefly of small parishes, it is probably best to leave the law as we have it, namely, requiring that a person be baptized to be available for vestryman and a communicant to be available for warden. It does seem, however, that, when we permit a baptized man to serve on the vestry, we should also permit him to serve as a delegate to his Diocesan Convention (man or women). At present, we do not. (Canon 2).

Q. What is "an adherent of the Protestant Episcopal Church?"

I do not know precisely what an adherent means in this connection. Since an adherent means a follower or a supporter, it may or may not mean that one has to be baptized or confirmed to be "an adherent". It is used in section 7 of Canon 10. This same section, however, ends with these words: " - - - nor shall any person vote in a Parish who is not a bona fide member of the same". I think section seven is adequate without the expression. If a person is not a bona fide member, according to the Canon he cannot vote. If he is a bona fide member, then surely, he should be, at least, an adherent.

Woman's Auxiliary News

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met in Marion on Tuesday, March 18th, with thirteen members, the Bishop, and two visitors present. Many items of business were discussed fully, chief among them being the Woman's Auxiliary Conference. The Board unanimously decided to hold the first of these conferences this summer during August, either at Patterson School or at Valle Crucis. The exact date and place will be announced later, but be making plans now to attend.

The Board members were entertained at lunch by Mrs. Sam Yancey, who is a member of St. John's parish, in Marion, and Director of the Third District.

Dates for the Spring District meetings were set as follows:

First District will meet on April 29th at Waynesville.

Second District will meet on April 30th at Edneyville.

Third District will meet on April 22nd at Patterson School.

Fourth District will meet on April 23rd at Lincolnton.

Fifth District will meet on April 20th at Rutherfordton.

Kanuga is a spot consecrated to one purpose—that of religious education in its broadest sense. It is at Kanuga that adults—and boys and girls—learn of religion through worship, study, and fellowship. This year, as in years past, many outstanding men and women will be there to lecture and lead discussions, so mark the following dates on your calendar, and begin making plans toward them:

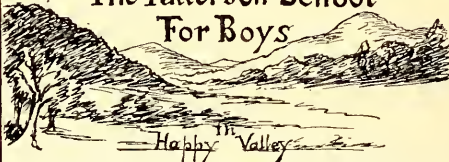
Annual Meeting on June 5th and 6th.
Retreat on July 9th-12th.

Adult Conference on July 12th-16th.

All Auxiliary members, whether elected as delegates or not, are urged to attend the Annual Meeting. Miss Fletcher is planning an excellent program for the three sessions—the afternoon of the 5th, and the morning of the 6th.



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Early Days of Calvary Church, Fletcher

By The Rev. J. B. Sill

Pictured here is the original Calvary Church, Fletcher. Restored after a fire in 1935, it is one of the most beautiful churches in the diocese.

It was some twenty years after the Church of St. John in the Wilderness at Flat Rock had been built, that members of the Episcopal Church who belonged to that congregation and had homes in the neighborhood of what is now Fletcher, decided to build a Church near where they lived. They were people of some wealth, some of them merchants and rice planters, from S. C. and were among the pioneer summer residents of the mountain country. The building of the Buncombe-Turnpike Road in 1828 from Greenville, S. C., thru Saluda Gap to Asheville, opened up a better means of travel from the low country. It was in 1857 that Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Blake gathered a few others together one evening at their home "The Meadows", to form plans for building a Church, which was consecrated August 21, 1859, by Bishop Atkinson. With the uncertain condition of the Nation, and the approaching conflict of the Civil War, these founders of Calvary are to be honored for their Christian zeal and faith. Of them we find the names of Blake, Robertson, Pyatt, Heyward and Molyneaux, to which should be added that of Dr. G. W. Fletcher, a native resident, who became the first Junior Warden of the vestry. The Church was named after Calvary Church of New York City. The location of the Church was well chosen, having a woodland setting, and built far enough back from the highway to provide an extensive lawn. The Pisgah Range could be seen to the west and the hills of Hooper Creek to the east. The Church became definitely a Church of a wide country-side. It was a brick structure, and, sad to relate, was burned down in 1935, except its picturesque tower, which was built as a memorial, including the Church bell, to rector Morris to whom we shall refer. The present building, which includes the old tower, is a replica of the old Church, tho somewhat larger and with a side Chapel, choir and sacristy rooms added. The Chapel, soon to be furnished, is to be a memorial to the founders and early benefactors of the parish. The beginnings of the adjoining cemetery were in the early days of the Church.

In a few years a rectory was built, a frame structure to the rear of the Church, as also a school room, Miss Fanny Blake having added 15 acres to the original four acres of the Church property. Miss Fanny was a benefactress of the Church, taught a day school for many years in the school room, and was in other ways an active Church worker. During its early years the parish depended chiefly on Rev. N. Collins Hughes, of Hendersonville, and on ministers from the Ravenscroft Associate Missions of Asheville for officiating at services, and also on two who were resident pastors for short periods, Rev. Geo. M. Everhardt and Rev. Thomas A. Morris, the latter the first resident rector.

The period from 1878 to 1900 was one of considerable growth in the parish,

during the rectorships of Rev. E. A. Osborne, Rev. W. S. Bynum and Rev. H. H. Phelps. Communicant numbers kept increasing, and at the close of Mr. Osborne's pastorate in 1885 there were 150 reported in the Sunday School. He founded several Mission stations, Churches being built, one in Pinners Cove called Mt. Calvary, and the first St. Paul's at Edneyville. During his rectorship the Chancel window, representing Christ on the Cross, was put in, appropriate to the Church's name. During Mr. Bynum's pastorate the present stone rectory on land across the highway from the Church, was built. An estimate of his pastorate has been given by a later rector:—"His administration was a peculiarly Churchly one. The Church was kept open constantly, the teachings of the Book of Common Prayer closely followed and the Holy Communion celebrated every Lord's Day and Saint's Day. The Parish School was excellently maintained and six other schools drew their support from the constituency of Calvary Parish." Some of these schools, evidently Sunday Schools, were of the Missions started by Mr. Osborne. Besides the two already mentioned we find ones reported at Rock Hall, Reids, Mt. Zion, Fairview and Seagles, and during Mr. Phelps' pastorate, in 1898, we find additional Missions at Arden, Valley Springs, 'Possum Trot and Boiling Springs. What Missionaries those ministers were! During the days of which we are writing Bishops Atkinson, Lyman and Cheshire, of the N. C. diocese, to which the western part of the state belonged until 1896, made regular visitations to Calvary Church for confirmations.

Names of native residents who belonged to Calvary in its early days are still found among present members of the congregation, as Pressley, Lance, Frady, Lambert, Baldwin, Stroup and Shuford. The last name recalls to us the name of Shufordville, as that by which the neighborhood was known for many years after the Church was founded. We should add the names of Westfeldt, Beale and Weston, as those of "foreigners", to use an accepted term, who in time settled in the parish and added strength to its early membership.

There was no Fletcher town in those days, which in time grew up about the home of Dr. Fletcher, mentioned above, whose home also gave hospitality, after the fashion of an Inn, to many a traveler on the turnpike. The picturesque home, with its large boxwoods in the front yard, is alas there no longer. It was my privilege to know Dr. Fletcher's widow, whose love for her home and its guests marked her as one of God's saints.

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**EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT:
HOW GIFTS ARE DISTRIBUTED
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The heart-warming experience of seeing America's church-sent supplies handled and distributed was related upon his return from a tour of Europe recently by Rev. Herbert C. Lytle, Jr., assistant director of the Service division of Church World Service.

He concentrated his attention in Germany where the native Evangelical Hilfswerk distributes goods sent by CWS.

"The work", he said, "starts in Bremen. There on the docks and in a warehouse were the bales, the boxes, the packages from America. The material was in excellent condition."

He observed how the Hilfswerk people divided the material, then sent it to the various districts in the occupied

zones, where it was sorted according to size and type. Winter clothing received first priority.

The final phase of this "international Christian operation" was in the parishes themselves. Mr. Lytle watched the way supplies were handled at a church in Frankfurt.

"Ninety people a day were interviewed and given aid", he said. One social worker first investigated each request to confirm the need. "Creed was no factor. But the need had to be confirmed".

"After that the person or family was given whatever supplies the parish could allot from the stockpile.

"This truly magnificent Christian undertaking is a bright sign of hope on a continent dark with sickness, restlessness and want," Mr. Lytle said.

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Youth Camp

Churchmen of all ages should rejoice in the fact that there has been the leadership and vision to start and continue an annual camp conference for the young people of the Diocese. No other single thing has done so much to give a sense of Christian unity to the future senior wardens, vestrymen and Auxiliary presidents who come to Patterson for a week of worship, study and recreation. There are few parishes that have young people go to camp that do not notice an increase in the enthusiasm and loyalty to the Church.

When the youth camp was first started, there were some fears that such a program would interfere or hamper the larger program of Kanuga. Experience has shown that this is not so; rather the diocesan youth conference has been a valuable auxiliary to Kanuga's program in that the experiences of young people in a provincial program are crystallized into diocesan action by having the young people brought together in a smaller,

more homogeneous group within the diocese.

We in the Diocese of Western North Carolina should do all in our power to encourage our young people, bringing them more and more into the stream of our Church life as they grow in wisdom and stature. The camp at Patterson will help do this; we must do our part by supporting the young people.

Diocesan Convention

It has been a quarter of a century since the Missionary District of Asheville became the Diocese of Western North Carolina and assembled for its first annual convention. A silver anniversary for a diocese is always a happy event; the years have been enough to look back upon with satisfaction for much that has been accomplished and yet not so long that there are not a goodly number of those who were present at that first convention. We who have come after cannot fully realize what struggle and work was necessary to make an annual convention a possibility.

Like the first convention, this twenty-fifth finds the Church in Western North Carolina just emerging from a terrible war in which she had a share with the rest of the world. Every report that comes before the convention, every resolution that is passed and every other action taken by the convention should be viewed in the light of making some contribution towards the re-adjustment of a world so lately torn by strife. It is not too much to say that the acts of our particular part of the Episcopal Church will be scrutinized by both critical and uncritical observers in an attempt to learn what part of the Christian Church is willing to do in times like these. If the convention is approached in this way, it becomes more than just a business meeting of a highly organized church; convention can be our way of so speaking and acting that we will influence all around us for good.

Come To Camp Patterson

*By the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr.,
Director*

Camp time for the Young People of the Diocese of Western North Carolina is just around the corner. Come June, and you'll be coming to Camp Patterson.

Patterson School, Legerwood, N. C., is the place, and the dates are June 8th to the 14th. All of you who have been to Camp and all who will come this year for the first time will love Patterson School. It is right in the middle of Happy Valley with plenty of room to roam around, places to swim, ball diamonds and tennis courts and basketball courts to use. All this, with dancing, campfires, entertainments, work, and worship, gives you an idea of what will go on. This Camp has everything you can think of and more, to give you the busiest, happiest, best week of the whole year. If you are an Episcopalian between the ages of 13 and 23, living in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, you are eligible to register for the Camp. The cost of the Camp is one item that has not gone up! It will be the same as it was last year, \$6.00 plus

one dollar registration fee, \$7.00 in all.

If you want to come, fill out the registration blank found at bottom of this page and mail it along with your one dollar registration fee to the Director, the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., Box 997, Shelby, N. C. When he gets this he will send you all the other information you have to have before Camp starts. *Don't wait!* Send it in now! Unfortunately the number we can accommodate is limited so applications will be accepted on a basis of priority. First come, first served. After May 15th applications from non-Episcopalians will be accepted on the same basis.

We are looking forward to a good camp this year. Good fun, good food, good instruction, good worship. You can't afford to miss it.

This will be the first time for me at the Diocesan Camp, and I'm looking forward to it as about the best thing I've ever been privileged to attend, and it ought to be just that for everybody. All of us who are the young people of this Diocese have a big job: to make the Episcopal Church grow and be strong wherever we live. If we are going to do this job we need help and inspiration. These are the two things

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Camp Patterson will try to give this year, and we can have a lot of fun getting them. We hear a lot about how we ought to live together as Christians. At Camp Patterson we have an opportunity to try it out. You might call it a "lab experiment" in Christian living—the only worthwhile kind of living there is—the kind of living we want to try to reproduce at home. We've got a job to do; we've got places to go; let's get started!

See you at Camp!

W. H. Stewart Dies

Mr. W. H. Stewart died on April 28th at his home in Asheville after an illness of six weeks following a heart attack.

A native of Chestertown, Md., Mr. Stewart came to Asheville from Mt. Vernon, N. Y., in 1938 after having been a summer resident for many years. Previous to his retirement, he had been an executive of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Stewart had been very active in the Church, serving as senior warden of Calvary Church, Fletcher, which position he held at the time of his death, and had been the advertising manager of the *HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN* as well as having served as a member of the Department of Promotion and a delegate to the Provincial Synod.

One of the most outstanding pieces of work accomplished by Mr. Stewart was his contribution to the success of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund campaign within the Diocese last year. Mr. Stewart was chairman of the committee appointed to raise the money for this fund. Those who were present at the Diocesan Convention in 1945 will not forget the moving appeal Mr. Stewart made for the success of this campaign.

Funeral services were conducted in Calvary Church at 4 o'clock on April 30th with the Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector, officiating.



Rev. B. M. Lackey, Jr. This picture was taken before his ordination. He is the Director of the 1947 Youth Camp.

Cravner Elected To Rectorship

The Rev. William C. Cravner, who for the past few months has been acting rector of St. Mark's Church, Gastonia, has been elected rector of that parish.

Mr. Cravner came to Gastonia from York, S. C., where he has been rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd since 1941. Before that time he had been rector of All Soul's, Biltmore.

Because of his previous connection with the diocese, Mr. Cravner is widely known, and St. Mark's and the diocese is fortunate in having him again canonically connected with the church in this diocese.

LAMBERT DEAN OF MORGANTON

The Rev. Peter W. Lambert, Jr., rector of Appalachian School, Penland, was elected Dean of the Convocation of Morganton on April 19th. He succeeds the Rev. B. M. Lackey, of Lenoir, who has been Dean for many years.

Why Have A Diocesan Camp?

*By the Rev. Charles G. Leavell,
Chaplain for 1947*

A summer camp such as we have at Patterson School for the young people of this Diocese is a lot of fun, but is that the real reason for having it? Well, it is one reason, and the best one if you know what real fun is. But what is it?

Most of all it is knowing God, and learning to share that knowledge of Him with others. That is the chief reason for a Diocesan Camp; it is what is back of the Youth Camp at Patterson School. The Youth Commission of the Diocese of Western North Carolina had this in mind when they started the camp four years ago. They were anxious for the young people in this section to know the greatest joy of life, the only joy that lasts. They wanted those who came to camp, first of all, to find God, and then to take this knowledge and communion and experience of God back to their own local parishes and missions. The prayers and worship, the talks by the Camp Chaplain and others, the study in the classes, have all had this primary object uppermost. We plan to have it so again this summer.

What connection does this primary motive have with swimming, softball, tennis, hiking, campfires, singing, stunts, jokes, and dancing? Much more than might appear on the surface; much more, we fear, than some who attend camp come to realize. The Church believes in the sort of God Who placed us upon this earth with the idea that we should enjoy it, enjoy each other, and enjoy Himself. The fact that some miss the point and abuse the privilege of camping does not argue this belief away. The recreational activities of the Diocesan Camp which occupies a great part of our time can actually teach Theology, the logic of what God is like and what He plans for us to do in this world. Our recreation is meant to tell each young person that the Church believes in a God Whose greatest pleasure is to give

us life to the full, and Who Himself provides occasions for our enjoyment and pleasure. There are too many people in our world who believe in a God and a religion of gloom, who frown upon certain of the amusements of our camp. The program of our Diocesan Camp is a protest against such a belief, an attempt to point the youth of the Church to the true God as revealed in Jesus Christ Who Himself lived life to the full. He attended the merry wedding feast at Cana, He hiked the roads of Palestine, He thoroughly enjoyed the mountains, He camped and cooked on a fire beside the Galilean Lake. His Cross itself is not the final word; it loses its true meaning apart from the joys and glory and life of Easter.

A secondary motive for our Diocesan Camp is to create a Diocesan consciousness and fellowship among the young people of Western North Carolina. This is important, and a motive we shall not forget. Yet primarily the reason for our Camp at Patterson School is not to know one another, but to know God in His bigness, His glory, and His love.

VOTING AGE FAVORING YOUTH PASSED AT CONVENTION

An amendment to Canon 10, Section 7, was passed at the second day of the Diocesan Convention which allows members of a parish who are 18 years old to vote in elections for vestrymen. The Youth Commission had worked for some time on a plan whereby the voting age could be lowered in order to allow more participation in parish life by the young people of the diocese.

The amendment to the canon did not pass without much spirited discussion on the subject. The first proposal to have the age limit set at 16 years did not find favor with the Convention, so the compromise age of 18 proved to be the solution.

YOUTH AND AGE

*By the Rev. Mark Jenkins,
Chairman of Youth Commission*

"And they both ran together", but the younger did outrun the older man and arrived at the empty tomb first, but he did not go in; instead he waited for age to enter first. So it is in the Church everywhere. Youth with its visions and enthusiasm runs side by side with age, with its experience and conservatism, in building a strong, virile and useful "household of God on the tops of these mountains".

There are those who wish youth would be seen and not heard. These will say these inexperienced, fickle young people should raise funds when ordered to do so, they should do much of the menial work around the sacristy or at a Parish supper, they should be found in the Sunday school to absorb wisdom from their elders, they must be ready to take over the responsible positions in the Parish at some future time. The thinkers of such thoughts are those unwilling to "run with youth".

But in fairness we must say there are youths who think that anyone past thirty years of age is ancient, with no vision or enthusiasm to strike out on new paths, or even to run at all, with no interest in young people except to get to of them as much work as possible. These young people think that things are not better in the Church because youth cannot take over the reins and throw out all the "old-timers". These are the youths unwilling to "run together" with age.

Happy is the community, the congregation, or the family, where all will and do run together! Age must be willing to rise out of lethargy and run with youth, and must give of its experience and wisdom in directing and guiding those of lesser years into paths tried and true. Then youth must respond by a willingness to learn, a readiness

to do what is asked, quick to cooperate and accept what age has to give, but never once losing the enthusiasm which is concomitant with youth.

In this Diocese of Western North Carolina we have an official body to guide and plan youth activities. We call it "The Youth Commission". Some of its members are more mature in years and experience than others. It meets several times each year to discuss and plan. The voices of age and experience "run together" with the voices of youth and enthusiasm, and from this happy association come such things as a Diocesan Youth Camp, and a projected All-Youth Convention in the fall.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG CHURCHMEN OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Young Churchmen:

Here it is spring again, and time to start thinking about Patterson Camp and the good times we have always had there.

It takes many weeks of hard work by camp officials to plan a camp week for us! Those of you who have attended camp since that first year can certainly see the many improvements that have been made in the daily program. Every minute is taken up with some activity, and we know this year will be even better than the previous ones. So, come to Patterson again this year, and let those who have worked so hard to make your stay an unforgettable one know how much you like it and how much it means to you.

Knowing all of you has been a very happy experience for me, and I am looking forward to June, when we can all get together for a glorious week in Happy Valley.

Sincerely,
Helen Thomas

YOUNG CHURCHMEN NEWS

By Ann Shuford

Fletcher

The Young Churchmen's Club of Calvary Church, Fletcher, acted as host to all the children of the Sunday Schools and Junior Choirs of the Parishes and Missions of the Convocation of Asheville for the presentation service of the Lenten Offering. About 350 attended this service. The Rev. H. Boyd Edwards preached the sermon. A picnic supper and soft drinks were enjoyed on the lawn after the service.

The Hon. Joseph T. Kroman, brother to Mrs. Mark Jenkins, now with the State Department in Washington, spoke to the Y. C. C. about his work in the O. S. S. in Europe during this last war. This is one of the most interesting talks ever heard by this group, for he told much about the underground work, sabotage and secret atomic experiments of the Axis forces disrupted by the O. S. S.

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Morganton

The Young People's Service League of Grace Church, Morganton, partici-

pated in all the Lenten Services there, and helped with the Mission held at St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows. This group of young people are active in the collection of goods for overseas relief; several boxes have already been collected, packed and sent.

At recent meetings Lynn Cline was elected to be a new group leader, and Fuller Chaffee and Francie Lyman were elected to be Grace Church's delegates to the Interdenominational Youth for Christ Movement being organized in Morganton.

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Boone

The recently organized Youth Group in Boone is growing in numbers and activities. They are now raising funds by suppers and selling advertisements. To get the most out of springtime in these mountains, hikes and outings are planned.

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Bessemer City

The Service League has occupied its time recently with choir work and the

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Asheville

The Service League of Trinity Church, Asheville, has been active in many ways. They are assisting in raising funds for the new Rectory. An egg hunt and choir party were enjoyed at Easter. They are planning suppers at their Sunday night meetings.

The Secretary of the Service League wrote a note of welcome to the Rev. John Tuton, the new Rector of Trinity Church, on behalf of the youth of the Parish, and received a very nice note in reply, in which Mr. Tuton said that he was looking forward to working with the young people and he hoped for great things.

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Valle Crucis

The Boys' Club at Holy Cross is acting as a corporate chairman for the Church Garden this year. In former years a man was selected as chairman and had charge of calling all workings, making arrangements for the buying of seed and fertilizer and selling the crop. These duties are now assumed by the Club and hopes are high that this will be the best Church Garden Holy Cross has ever had.

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Morganton Convocation

The young people of the Convocation of Morganton met at Grace Church, Morganton, on Saturday, April 19th, for the annual Mite Box Presentation Service. The service began at 11 a. m., and following an address by Bishop Gribbin, a pageant was presented depicting the needs which would be met by the mite box offering. A representative from each church presented the offering and stated the per capita giving. The banner for the highest per capita offering was won by St. Mark's, Gastonia.

Following a picnic lunch, the Rev. Joseph S. Huske showed a Cathedral film, "Journey into Faith."

The total offering was in excess of \$550.

Provincial Youth Commission Meets

Space does not allow for a printing in full of the meeting of the Provincial Youth Commission meeting, but following are some of the highlights of that meeting taken from the minutes.

The mid-winter meeting of the Provincial Youth Commission was held in Atlanta, Georgia, February 28-March 2. The meeting was called to order by the president, Dan Plunket, at 7:00 P. M., in the lounge of St. Luke's Church. A brief outline of the purpose of the meeting was given by the President, and a new secretary was elected to serve the unexpired term of Ethel Marie Sanders, who resigned to be married. Helen Thomas from the Diocese of Western North Carolina was elected to this position.

Everyone present was asked to give a short report on the activities of the young people in his diocese. These reports were very informative and interesting. They are on file with the secretary.

The session was begun at 9:00 A. M., with prayer by The Reverend Harry Tisedale. Jack Wright, Diocese of Alabama, gave a report on the National Youth Commission Meeting. At this meeting the adoption of the Youth Offering was the first thing taken up. This year it will be sent to Hawaii, for a centrally located conference center for the youth to come together. There are five or six islands in Hawaii, with approximately fifty parishes in all; consequently, it is hard for them to get together. The National Commission also has revised PLAN, as it does each year. PLAN is to be on the Prayer Book for the coming year.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Resolved: That the Provincial Youth Commission elect a Promotion Chairman from the commission, whose duty and responsibility shall be to collect and distribute information pertaining to youth work in the Dioceses of this Province. Passed.

2. Resolved: That this commission urge every diocese in this province to carry out as much as possible the proposed program for world relief as suggested by the National Youth Convention. Passed.
3. Resolved: That the Provincial Youth Commission request the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary for \$100 for the year 1947-48, as they have done in the past. Passed.

"LIFTED"

There is one very popular saying, repeated with the best of intentions, which rubs us the wrong way. It is to be doubted whether there is any piece of conversational small change that circulates more frequently among church groups; but it is usually let fall with the air of having made an original contribution to the world's wisdom: "We are all aiming for the same place, anyhow."

You are, of course, familiar with the setting in which this trite remark is sure to come forth. A group of friends or neighbors are discussing their respective communions—Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Episcopal. Each person wishes to be understanding and tolerant. No one wishes to offend anyone else. Finally some one has a happy thought and comes forth with the wisdom that will cover the entire situation: "Well, we are all aiming for the same place, anyway."

We must confess that we are always embarrassed when this thing is said. There is just no adequate reply to make to it. To attempt a rebuttal or refutation would be ungracious, and it would lead to argument. But surely Christians ought to think of the purpose of their religion in higher terms. Surely we should not think of our religion merely as a fire insurance policy. Surely it ought to be something more than a scheme to assure ourselves of a mansion in heaven. If Christians wish to

be friendly with members of other communions—and this desire is to be commended—why cannot they think of something better to say than this sickly remark. Why not instead: "We are all workers together for God's Kingdom" or "We are all trying to serve the same Lord."

—*The Rt. Rev. Thomas N. Carruthers, Bishop of South Carolina.*

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Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

AGAIN OUR LAY THEOLOGIAN

(Review of *Christian Behaviour* by
**C. S. Lewis; the Macmillan Company,
New York.**)

Your reviewer is sorry, but it just can't be helped. Professor Lewis is producing significant religious tracts with the background of the Anglican Communion more rapidly than anyone else, and it's impossible to keep pace with him. "Christian Behaviour" was originally a series of broadcast addresses on moral questions. As such it was so successful that there was immediate demand to put the material in permanent form.

The original addresses were applied to the needs of a society in the front line of war. But the same approach is useful for a society which is suffering rather than enjoying peace. Morality is concerned with three things: harmony between individuals; harmony within each individual; and the final goal or purpose of life, where we are going. As a first step towards true morality we have to take the virtues recognized by civilized society, but then remember that they are only a first step.

There follows helpful suggestions regarding social morality, the relevance of psycho-analysis, and the correction of our modern errors in regard to sex and marriage. Perhaps the most important chapters of the book are on what is involved in forgiveness and on pride as the great sin. Finally comes an effort to relate the distinctively Christian virtues, faith and hope and charity, to the whole moral structure we are considering. And the book is worth owning for that alone, for it is a relation which we often miss, and yet it is absolutely essential to a Christian life.

Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

Do we have Deaconesses in our Church?

Yes. A list containing about two hundred names is given in the Living Church Annual. Deaconesses, as a minor order of the ministry, are confined to the Anglican churches. Modern deaconesses first began in Lutheran Germany, as trained parish workers.

What is the duty of a Chancellor?

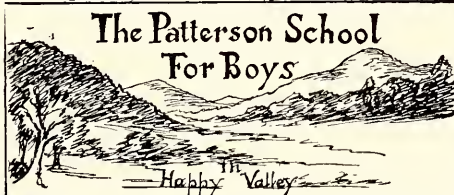
The Chancellor of the Diocese is not the same as a Chancellor of a Cathedral, who is a priest and a member of the governing body. The sole duty of a Chancellor is "to advise regarding any question of law which may arise in the administration of the Diocesan affairs." He must be a communicant and resident in the Diocese as well as one who is "learned in the law". Since it is the duty of the Bishop to administer the laws of the Church, the Chancellor is nominated by the Bishop.

Are sacraments necessary for good works?

The Church teaches that two sacraments are generally necessary for salvation. She does not, in any direct statement, declare that sacraments are necessary for good works. The answer to this question is, no. Of course, if it is argued that all life is a Sacrament, then, to be sure, there are no good works without Sacrament. It is a mistake, however, to teach that God's grace is confined to the sacraments.

Who owns and operates Kanuga?

Kanuga is owned and operated by the five dioceses of the Carolinas, and, the diocese of Louisiana. The Bishops and chosen laymen (men and women) from these dioceses form the Kanuga Board. This Board meets twice each year, and, is called the Board of Managers. It is expected, that, other southern dioceses will eventually share in the ownership and management of Kanuga.



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Again—World Relief

At the behest of the Bishop, the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN would like to urge all parishes and missions in the Diocese to send in the contributions to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The National Council has adopted as a slogan "*The need is NOW*," and the truth of that slogan is borne out by the rather frantic requests from the Church Missions House for the funds to start coming in. Every day finds needs piling up, needs that must be met without delay but cannot be met unless each diocese makes an early contribution.

In parishes and missions where the Easter offering was given to World Relief, treasurers are asked to send those

funds to Mr. Redwood immediately. Where there has been no offering taken as yet, it is hoped that such will soon be the case.

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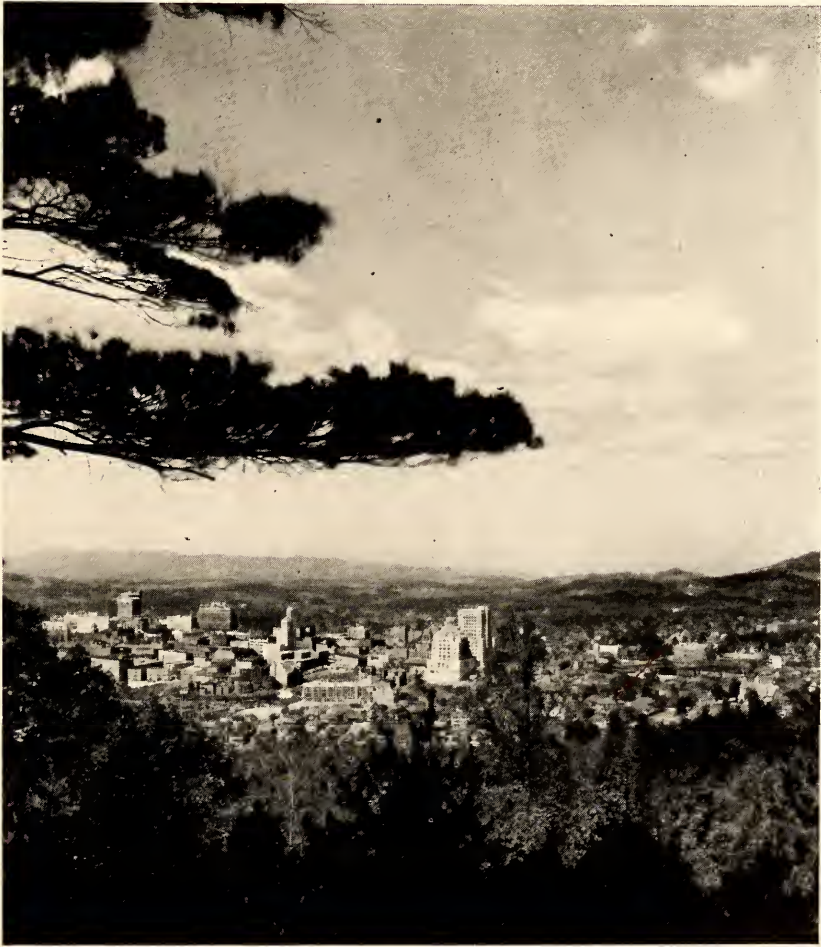


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Proposed 1948 Budgets

Diocesan Expense Fund

<i>Estimated Receipts</i>	<i>1948 Budget</i>
From Endowment Fund -----	\$ 2,100.00
From Income Ravencroft Fund -----	1,800.00
From Parishes and Missions -----	6,240.00
	<hr/> \$10,140.02

Expenses

Bishop's Saalry and Pension -----	\$ 5,695.00
Bishops Travel and Expense -----	1,300.00
Replacement Bishop's Car -----	200.00
Delegates 1949 Convention -----	150.00
Repairs Shoenberger Hall -----	100.00
Salary Treasurer's Bookkeeper -----	60.00
Expenses of Committees -----	25.00
Printing Journal -----	410.00
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Dues Province of Sewance -----	300.00
Miscellaneous -----	150.00
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The Budget For 1948

Reprinted on the editorial page this month, you will find the Budget for 1948. We believe that this Budget, which was adopted by the Convention is an editorial in itself. It points up our responsibility for supporting the Church of Jesus Christ both within the Diocese and throughout the world. We commend it to your careful reading, and it is our hope that its challenge to all of us in Western North Carolina will not go unheeded.

Need For Evangelism Keynote of Convention

The need for greater evangelistic efforts on the part of the Diocese was the theme heard all through the recent convention. In his address, the Bishop stressed the need for clergy and laity to present the Church more winningly to men and women.

The Rev. W. C. Leach, chairman of the Committee on Program and Bud-
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General Church and Mission Fund

Estimated Receipts

From National Council -----	\$ 3,249.00
From Income Holt Fund -----	2,000.00
From Woman's Auxiliary -----	250.00
From Parishes and Missions -----	16,311.00
	<hr/> \$21,810.00

Expenses

Missionary Stipends -----	\$10,600.00
Pension Preiums -----	1,060.00
Appalachian School -----	100.00
Kanuga Association -----	100.00
Patterson School -----	100.00
Archdeacon Kennedy, Travel -----	50.00
Negro Work -----	1,000.00
General Church Program -----	8,800.00
	<hr/> \$21,810.00

OUR COVER

The cover this month is a view of the City of Asheville, See City of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. It was here that the 25th Annual Convention met on May 13-14 at All Soul's Church, Biltmore.

From The Bishop's Address

Soon after the opening of the Convention, the Bishop addressed the representatives of the parishes and missions of the Diocese, reminding them as they began to conduct the business of the Church of George Herbert's words, "Nothing is little in God's service."

In his address, the Bishop struck the keynote which was to be heard again and again during the course of the Convention — the need for evangelism within the Diocese. He pointed out that the number of communicants in the diocese have decreased according to figures published for 1945. Some of this decrease he said was due to the drastic reduction by some parishes based on a revision of their parish lists. But he also pointed out that some of the decrease had to be attributed to the carelessness of the clergy in following up those who had been confirmed or who should be confirmed. There has been indifference on the part of the laity also that has had its effect. He called for both clergy and laity to work together to bring more people into the Church.

Citing the slogan of the recent Church Congress meeting which was, "Episcopalians — Unite", the Bishop called for greater unity within the Diocese. He pointed out that one way in which this unity could be achieved is by the faithful use of the Book of Common Prayer. By sticking to the wording of the Prayer Book, not deleting or adding, the common worship of the Church could be a unifying force. "Let us," he said, "use our great family heritage, the Book of Common Prayer."

Two of the outgoing members of the Executive Council were mentioned for their outstanding work. The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan, chairman of the Department of Missions and Church Extension, and The Rev. Charles G. Leavell, chairman of the Department of Promotion.

The Bishop reported that a very hopeful sign has been the number of requests he has received in the past year from men desiring to study for Holy Orders. He said the number was the largest he had ever received in one year.

Calling All Laymen

Come to Kanuga for the Laymen's Conference of the Dioceses of the Fourth Province on the week-end of June 27th.

We laymen hear much talk about the many conferences at Kanuga each summer; but do you hear about the Laymen's Conference? Yes, it is a new conference and was first held three years ago with a gathering of a few interested laymen. Last year every Diocese in our Province was represented but two; these being, Western North Carolina and East Carolina. Some came from as far as New Orleans and Charleston, yet we failed to have representation at this interesting conference.

The wonderful work that is being done by our laymen in our sister dioceses is most inspiring and commendable. The reports gave splendid examples of lay-

evangelism leading to a more inspired, more instructed, and more active Church. We can do the same in the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

The Laymen's Plan for Action set forth by these groups show work, thought and experience and, better still, it works! This plan is a *movement* in the Church with the basic purposes of worship, study, and service. This is not to replace any laymen's organization, but to help them and encourage them by planning and coordination their work.

The National Council with the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work offers every help for this organization and work. We, as Laymen, can start this movement in our Diocese beginning this June with a few interested laymen attending this conference at Kanuga. We only need to have a plan of organization and work. This conference will show us how we may participate more fully in the work and the worship of the Church, and we will then have our place in the Church and go forward to new victories for Christ and His Kingdom.

The conference opens with supper on Friday, June 27th, and closes with breakfast Monday, June 30th. The cost is only \$7.00. Let us have a good representative group from the Diocese of Western North Carolina this year.

—*An Interested Layman.*

NEED FOR EVANGELISM

(Continued from Page 2)

get, in making his report stated that the program of the Church must be the essential one of re-uniting man with his fellow-man and re-uniting man with God through the Church. The binding together of a disunited world and the binding back of man to God can only be done by a strong Church.

The Department of Finance, through its chairman Mr. E. L. Kemper, gave a concrete reminder of the need for greater strength. The budget that was presented was necessarily based on the income that could be expected from a given number of Church members. It was obvious from Mr. Kemper's report that the budget could show a greater out-reach of effort if the Diocese increased in numerical strength.

In his report on the State of the Church, the Rev. Mark Jenkins said that there were two errors of which the

Diocese was guilty. One is the failure of the Church to use its laity to fullest advantage, and the second is the failure of so many to understand Jesus' words, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Mr. Jenkins continued by saying that the Church would grow if men would speak of religion with as much interest as they show in new cars and politics. He called for the Diocese to make the ensuing year one of intensive evangelism.

Definite action looking toward more evangelism came when Mr. William L. Balthis brought in a resolution that would foster a strong layman's movement in the Diocese. Although no organization was suggested by the resolution, a committee of laymen something like the "Bishop's Men" in other dioceses might be set up. The resolution called for the use of the press and radio, and the work is to be guided by the program of evangelism that is being formulated by the National Council.

Laycock Addresses Convention Dinner

"There is no hope of peace in Asia for a long time to come. The war has only lanced a sore boil on the body politic of the East, and the struggle for democracy will be a long one." With these sobering words, Mr. George Laycock, Superintendent of Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte, addressed the delegates to Convention who had met for dinner in Trinity Parish House. Mr. Laycock went on to say that with the influence of the Army removed, the only way our belief in democracy can be brought to China is through the missionary work of the Church.

Mr. Laycock was a former missionary to China, having gone there in 1940 to be Treasurer for the diocese of Shanghai, Nanking and Hankow. He was stationed at St. John's University, Shanghai when war was declared and was interned by the Japanese until liberated at the end of the war.

The delegates to convention were given a vivid description of what it was like to be a prisoner, hearing of the hardships that increased as the war increased in intensity. Although 1100 people were crowded into a tobacco warehouse, there was no friction among the prisoners, and the men and women displayed a great deal of resource. When medicine was unavailable for dysentery, ordinary mud and charcoal was dried and powdered and served as a valuable remedy. It was not until Easter of 1944 that the first Red Cross packages started to arrive; Mr. Laycock paid high tribute to the Red Cross for the aid that was given.

Mr. Laycock and his fellow prisoners watched the end of the war come through a peephole they had cut between their quarters and the guardroom. He saw the Japanese guards receive the news from the Emperor that the war was over, and said that they stood transfixed

for about fifteen minutes, unable to comprehend that Japan had been defeated.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Laycock called on Churchmen in America to begin at home to show the world that American democracy was worthwhile. He said that we cannot hope to convince other people of the value of the American way of life if the slum conditions are allowed to exist and for vast portions of our population allowed to be underprivileged.

Mr. Laycock was accompanied to Asheville by Mr. Charles Templeton who is on the administrative staff of Good Samaritan Hospital. Before the address, Mr. Templeton sang three solos.

Trinity Church was the host to the Convention, serving dinner in the Parish house.

New Rectors Honored at Luncheon

A luncheon in honor of two retiring rectors and two incoming rectors of parishes in Asheville was held in All Soul's parish house on the first day of Convention. The Rev. I. N. Northup presided. He tendered the regrets of the Rev. G. F. Rogers who was unable to attend because of illness, and presented the Rev. A. W. Farnum, retiring rector of St. Mary's. Fr. Farnum spoke expressing his appreciation and the conviction that St. Mary's would continue to serve the diocese. The Rev. Gale D. Webbe, now chaplain at Christ School and rector-elect of St. Mary's, was introduced. The Rev. John Tuton, rector of Trinity was next introduced and expressed his appreciation.

Woman's Auxiliary News

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

Thursday and Friday—June 5th and 6th—the two days of the Annual Meeting at Kanuga! And such an opportunity to hear of the work of the church, and discussions of world problems!

Miss Fletcher has planned a wonderful program. During the afternoon of Thursday, the 5th, Miss Edith Balmford, Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Service for Youth will speak. Thursday evening Mr. Mayne Allbright will speak on "The Road to Peace—World Government". Here surely is a problem that lies on the door-step of every American citizen. Then the inspiring preparation service by Bishop Gribbin just before taps.

On Friday, the 6th, Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, National Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, will talk. Every woman of the church who can possibly arrange to do so should be on hand to hear Mrs. Sherman.

This is a busy season for everybody—house-cleaning, gardening, letting out hems of the too-short dresses, so why bother to go to Kanuga?

Why go to Kanuga? When asked that, one woman said: "How can I put it into words? It's like trying to describe what one gets out of a flower garden, the love of a child, a beautiful sunset, an Easter service. To be taught the meaning of our Christian beliefs, to learn how to read, and enjoy the Bible; the best in church music; to have the companionship with worth-while church leaders; to see our church as a whole. To experience these things in beautiful surroundings with congenial souls. It is truly "All This and Heaven Too".

Another woman answered: "To me Kanuga means fellowship—here we experience what membership in the Christian family means. It takes us out of our little parochial circle and makes us realize we are indeed members of a

world-wide fellowship. Above all, it means worship. Somehow God never seems so near as in the quiet of the leafy chapel."

The Spring Districts were well attended, with approximately 240 women present. Let's top that, by having at least 300 women at Kanuga in June. Come, whether you are a delegate or not.

Remember the Retreat—June 9th-12th.

Adult Conference—June 12th-26th.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, in His loving wisdom has seen fit to call to His Eternal Home, our beloved Rector, Samuel B. Stroup, be it therefore Resolved:

1. That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well.
2. That we the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of Ascension Parish, wish to show our love and appreciation for the years of faithful service rendered by Mr. Stroup not only to our branch, but to the church and community. His service and counsel will be sorely missed. It was his habit throughout the years of his ministry, that the doors of the church were never closed. During the years of his illness, he bore same with great fortitude and held services under much physical pain, such was his faith and love for the church and the congregation.
3. That we express to his bereaved family our deepest sympathy in their great loss.
4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of his family, a copy to the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN and a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Signed:
Sophie E. Whitener,
Sec. Woman's Auxiliary.

Valle Crucis School

This is not just a conference, it is a school. A school to train men and women for a ministry in the rural missionary sections of our country. The Presbyterian Church, USA, has established a year-round rural institute at Warren Wilson College for this purpose, under the leadership of Dr. Richard O. Comfort. The Episcopal Church has established a school for rural training at Valle Crucis, for the present only of summer duration, under the direction of the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan. The two schools are joining in a cooperative project from the summer of 1947 in an effort to enlarge the scope of the student body, to procure a larger staff, and to gain by the association of two sets of traditions.

The aim of the school is not only to train those already in rural work, but to crystalize the interest of any who are considering the rural field as a vocation.

The training for rural work has long been neglected by the Churches. The lack of training has been the main source of the lack of interest in a rural vocation and the consequent decrease in the number of men and churches in the domestic field. It is one of the fundamental precepts of sociology that the population of our nation flows FROM the country TO the city. The Churches are beginning to realize that they must go to the seedbed of our people and reach them there. The Southern Rural Training School is a manifestation of this realization.

June 16th to August 23rd are the dates for the school.

CHURCH REVIVES CONVERTS

Chicago, Ill.—In the Episcopal diocese of Chicago in the past year, 81 persons were received from the Roman Catholic Church, and 1966 persons were aCtholic Church, and 1966 presons were confirmed.

DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. John Tuton was appointed by the Bishop to be chairman of the Department of Promotion. B. M. Lackey, Sr., was appointed chairman of Social Relations, and Mr. V. Jordan Brown was appointed chairman of the Department of Missions and Church Extension. This last appointment is notable in that it is the first time in recent years that a layman has been chairman of this very important department of the Executive Council.

CHEERING NEWS

Mr. William Redwood reported to the Convention that although a quota of \$3,323.00 had been set for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, a sum of nearly \$3,600.00 has already been given within the Diocese. This means that with the additional sums that will come from those parishes not yet reported or that have not yet had their campaigns, the Diocese will give generously to the Fund.

ST. JOHN'S, MARION

A sterling silver Lababo Bowl has been presented to St. John's with the following inscription: "In memory of Louise V. Mack; presented by Frank Wood, Jr., 1947."

PREACHING MISSION

Father Robert Loosemore of the Canadian Cowley Fathers of Bracebridge, Ontario, will conduct a preaching mission at Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, beginning on June 29th. This is the second time Holy Cross has been fortunate enough to have Fr. Loosemore, as he conducted a most successful mission in 1943. Fr. Loosemore is well known in the Diocese, having been at Kanuga.

Through action of the National Council, the Church is now on record as opposing the use of public funds for sectarian educational purposes, specifically bus transportation and text books.

Assessments and Apportionments for 1948

	1948 Assessment 8%	1948 Apportionment 22½%
PARISHES		
Asheville, Trinity -----	\$ 891.53	\$ 2,507.44
Asheville, St. Mary's -----	207.39	583.28
Asheville, St. Matthias-----	99.66	271.86
Biltmore, All Souls -----	794.15	2,233.55
Brevard, St. Philips -----	135.58	381.33
Flat Rock, St. John's -----	90.76	255.26
Fletcher, Calvary -----	261.66	735.90
Gastonia, St. Mark's -----	281.67	792.20
Hendersonville, St. James--	243.29	684.25
Hickory, Ascension -----	226.57	637.22
Lenoir, St. James -----	175.43	495.39
Lincolnton, St. Luke's-----	167.64	471.50
Marion, St. John's -----	136.07	382.70
Morganton, Grace -----	398.18	1,119.88
Rutherfordton, St. Francis--	233.95	657.98
Tryon, Holy Cross -----	451.29	1,269.25
Waynesville, Grace -----	101.07	284.27
Wilkesboro, St. Paul's ----	63.80	179.42
	\$4,959.69	\$13,942.68

ELECTIONS

The Rev. James P. Burke was re-elected as Secretary of the Diocese. Mr. William Redwood was re-elected as Diocesan Treasurer.

The Standing Committee elected was as follows: Clerical: The Rev. Messrs. C. G. Leavell, G. M. Jenkins, J. P. Burke, W. T. Capers. Lay: Messrs. W. L. Balthis, F. P. Bacon, A. B. Stoney, William Redwood.

To the Executive Council: Clerical: The Rev. Messrs. John Tuton, B. M. Lackey Sr., William Cravner. Lay: Messrs. S. W. Blanton, V. J. Brown.

Deputies to Provincial Synod: Clerical: The Rev. Messrs: Tuton, Lackey, Jr., Northup, Morgan, Jenkins, Webster. Lay: Messrs. Wiese, Waddell, Balthis and Sumner. Mrs. E. L. Kemper and Mrs. A. B. Stoney.

The Rev. G. Mark Jenkins, rector of Calvary Church, Fletcher, was elected President of the Standing Committee.

	8%	22½%
ORGANIZED MISSIONS		
Arden, Christ School -----	\$ 35.00	\$ 85.00
Asheville, The Redeemer --	35.73	100.50
Asheville, St. Luke's -----	16.72	47.05
Asheville, Trinity Chapter Haw Creek ----	17.49	49.18
Bat Cave, Transfiguration	10.00	80.10
Beaver Creek, St. Mary's--	10.00	21.55
Bessemer City, St. Andrew's	10.00	27.30
Black Mountain, St. James	87.27	245.43
Blowing Rock, Stringfellow Mission ----	30.00	56.84
Boone, St. Luke's -----	24.91	70.06
Cherokee, St. Francis of Assisi -----	10.00	10.00
Canton, St. Andrew's -----	60.54	170.27
Cullowhee, St. David's ----	6.00	8.50
Edneyville, St. Paul's ----	13.11	36.87
Franklin, St. Agnes -----	61.55	173.10
Franklin, St. Cyprian's ----	10.00	16.25
Glen Alpine, St. Paul's----	10.00	12.00
Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity -----	10.00	17.30
High Shoals, St. John's ---	10.00	21.11
Highlands, Incarnation ----	52.36	147.26
Hot Springs, St. John's----	10.00	10.00
Ledgerwood, Chapel of Rest	25.00	81.95
Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's---	10.00	18.33
Lincoln, Woodside Our Savior -----	13.21	37.15
Little Switzerland, Resurrection -----	20.00	30.50
Morganton, St. Stephen's--	10.00	13.82
Morganton, St. Mary's ----	12.00	60.12
Murphy, Messiah -----	18.00	52.58
Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's	30.50	85.77
Saluda, Transfiguration ---	10.00	82.75
Shelby, The Redeemer ----	67.30	189.30
Sylva, St. John's -----	10.00	15.74
Todd, St. Matthews -----	10.00	8.05
Valle Crucis, Holy Cross---	43.00	133.96
	\$ 799.60	\$ 2,215.67

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS

Asheville, Grace -----	\$ 12.00	\$ 17.70
Linville, All Saints -----	12.00	24.00
Penland, Good Shepherd---	12.00	30.55
Rutherfordton, Missions --	6.00	8.00
Tryon, Good Shepherd -----	10.00	11.00
Upward, St. John Baptist---	12.00	61.00
	\$ 74.00	\$ 152.65
	\$5,833.38	\$16,311.00

Question Box

By Rev. J. P. Burke

Much was said at Convention about Evangelism. What is Evangelism?

The dictionary says: "it is an earnest effort for the spread of the Gospel of Christ." It is also the cultivating of the Gospel where it has already been planted. It does not just mean the extension of the Kingdom in the sense of spreading, but, the working and praying for the coming of the Kingdom. It is one of the four purposes of the Church, but it is not completely separate from the other three, which are, worship, teaching, and administering the means of grace. If men are to worship God in spirit and truth, they must know him. Evangelism, therefore, is the business of proclaiming the Gospel to all men, in accordance with our Lord's command. We should hear much about it in our conventions.

Why do we have so few Preaching Missions in our Churches?

1. Because we do not have many men who are well trained in this type of preaching.

2. Those we do have are seldom, if ever, available for small parishes.

3. Because being a successful preacher of Missions is not solely a matter of technique and training, but it is a matter of inspiration—a gift. (The College of Preachers seeks to train men in this work, but it cannot supply the gift, which is of God.)

4. Because the leaders of the Church have allowed themselves to be engrossed in other work which they seem to think is of more importance.

5. Because there is no parochial strategy, no common agreement about our objective and the methods of reaching it.

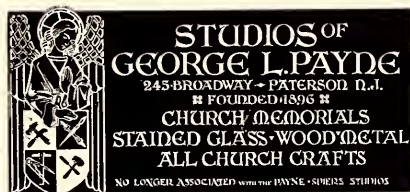
6. Because there is the unfortunate depreciation of preaching as a whole. While it is true that our churches are

not just preaching stations, they certainly should be, at least, that. The ministry of the Word and the ministry of the Sacraments should go hand in hand. In fact, in a very real sense, preaching is, or, may be, a sacrament—a means of grace.

7. Because there are, no doubt, many who can teach the Faith, and teach it well, who are hidden and unrecognized.

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Youth News

By Ann Shuford

Morganton

The Young People of Grace Church, Morganton, gave a party on May 2 for the young people of the Presbyterian Church and themselves. This was one of the best parties ever put on by the league.

On April 28 the officers of the Y.P.S.L. for the coming year were elected. They are Mary Aston Leavell, president; Doug Van Noppen, vice-president; and Tommy Lynam, secretary and treasurer.

The latest project of the league is helping to collect old clothes for the Church World Service drive. The young people made a door-to-door canvas of church members to secure clothes, and have had a program at one meeting explaining Church World Service.

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Convention

The chairman of our Youth Commission for the past three years, the Rev. Mark Jenkins was reappointed to this position, and was further honored by the Convention by being elected President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

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Fletcher

The Young Churchman's Club of Calvary Church turned out en masse for their Corporate Communion April 27th; following the service all went to the Rectory for breakfast served by Mrs. Jenkins and several mothers of the young people. After breakfast the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Rod W. Miller, president; Floyd Finch, vice-president; Diane Miller, secretary and Charles Jones, treasurer. A variety of programs have been planned which promises to keep this group active, interested and growing.

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Asheville

The Junior Alter Guild of Trinity meets every Saturday before Communion Sunday to polish brass. They are

planning to paint the Rector's Study when time permits.

The Sunday night suppers have proved to be quite a success. Several mothers volunteer to cook the meal each Sunday and members of the League pitch in on the dishwashing.

The League is planning a formal dance in the Parish House on June 13th. Plans are now being made for this event.

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Gastonia

The Young People of Gastonia had a Corporate Communion April 27th, Youth Sunday, followed by breakfast served by the Auxiliary.

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Bessemer City

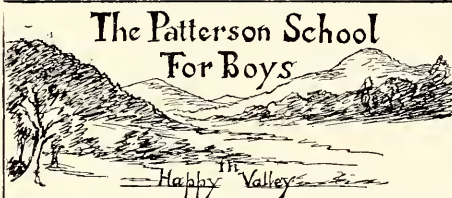
On April 26th the Bessemer City Youth Group gave a wiener roast and had as their guests, the Gastonia Club. After the supper a preparation service was held by the Rev. Boston Lackey, Jr., from Shelby. The guest speaker was Miss Stem, the Bible teacher of Bessemer City High School.

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Clerical Changes

There were a greater proportion of priests new to the Diocese at the recent convention than is usually the case. The Bishop made mention of these men in his address, and they were introduced at luncheon on the first day of the convention. In alphabetical order: George Ashton, St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton; William Cravner, St. Mark's, Gastonia; Westwell Greenwood, Redeemer, Asheville; Joseph Huske, St. Luke's, Lincolnton; Boston M. Lackey, Jr., Redeemer, Shelby; James McKeown, St. Luke's, Boone; John Tuton, Trinity, Asheville; and Ralph Webster, St. Francis, Rutherfordton.

Fr. Greenwood and Dr. Cravner are not exactly new to the Diocese, having served parishes here very recently. It would seem that the grass is greener in this pasture after all.

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different from the youth confirmed in an ordinary class in a small parish church, went to college. He wanted the services and sacraments of his own Church and he worked for them and got them. Then others were interested and the process of conversion began. We too must see in the confirmation of just one person (perhaps ourselves) the beginning of a process that will bring others to a knowledge and love of Christ. It isn't done with mirrors and the aid of invisible wires, nor even with hoop-la and advertising campaigns. These are all valuable, but the real work is done by a converted soul and that must mean you and me.

Our Cover

St. Philips Church, Brevard, where the young man referred to in the editorial was confirmed. The Rev. Harry Perry is the rector.

Bearing Living Witness

A true story has been brought to our attention which we feel should inspire all of us in the diocese to make greater efforts toward winning men and women to the Church. We retell the story briefly here as a "story of the month" in the hope that many similar stories dealing with missionary efforts will come from our readers.

A young man was confirmed at St. Philips Church, Brevard, and then went to a small but good college in Kentucky. He found that not only was there no Episcopal Church in the community, but that the college frowned on religion organized along "denominational lines." In spite of the many obstacles, the young man was successful in getting permission to have Episcopal services held and then attracted other students so much by his zeal for the Church that he soon had a confirmation class under instruction.

The chain of circumstances, none of them very startling taken by themselves, has much to tell us. A young man, no

Summer Doldrums

A cursory reading of the newspapers of this region or the plugs put out by the many Chambers of Commerce or the advertisement for this or that hotel or lodge would lead one to believe that there is nothing quite as stimulating as mountain air. THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN has regretfully come to the conclusion that the beneficial properties of this highly advertised product have no effect on the Episcopal Church.

This conclusion has been reached after a careful study that involves the unremitting search of the editorial mailbox for news of the Church in action in the diocese. With the deadline come and gone and only one parish sending in any news, it would seem logical to assume that nothing has happened in the last month. This deduction is made because it is impossible for THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN to believe that Churchpeople are too lazy to send in the news.

Episcopal Church Plans Campaign of Evangelism

Large-Scale Effort to Use Modern Techniques, Advertising, Radio, Motion Pictures

To Reach Lapsed and Unchurched

New York, N. Y.—The Episcopal Church has decided to launch a campaign of evangelism on a nationwide scale, aimed at bringing back to Church activity people who have lapsed, and at reaching with the Gospel message many of the totally unchurched, those numbering about half the total population of the United States.

Preliminary plans for financing the campaign, which is expected to cost more than a million dollars, will be put in effect this fall, and the active evangelistic work will begin sometime in 1948.

Modern techniques will be employed in the campaign. In addition to every member visitations without financial intention, preaching and teaching missions, study groups, and personal person-to-person work, it is planned to provide a nationwide radio broadcast series, publicity in national magazines and in farm papers, documentary motion picture films, and other methods to enlist the active cooperation of clergy and laity in all parts of the Church.

Already Church headquarters here are receiving messages from Provincial Synods, Diocesan Conventions, laymen's groups, and individuals, commending the plan, and asserting that it will do what is most needed in this country at this time, and expressing the belief that the methods of financing the campaign without a special money-raising effort, and the actual evangelistic efforts planned, cannot but succeed.

Declaring that "we must enlist the best people and we can get them," Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill said,

"We haven't had them before because we have not had a big enough program." It was then announced that a governing board of experts in promotional lines together with bishops and other clergy, is being formed to develop methods, and literature.

EPISCOPAL HOUR RADIO PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN AREA

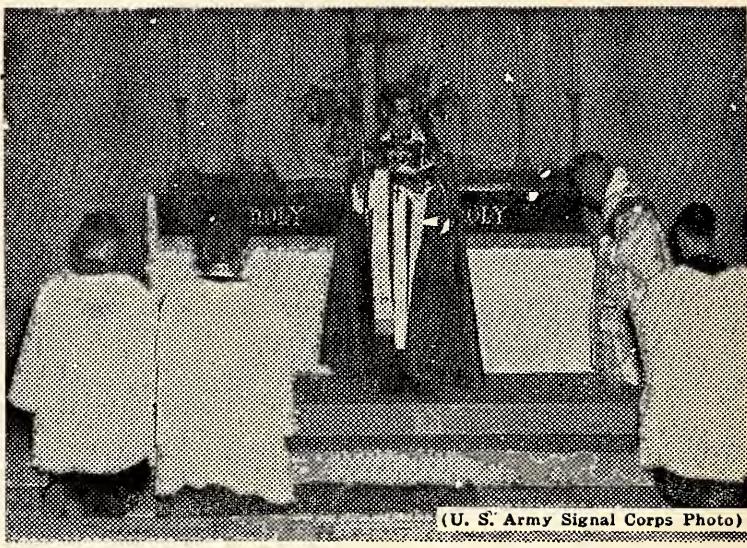
Atlanta, Ga.—Starting July 13, the Episcopal Church will inaugurate "The Episcopal Hour" a radio broadcast program to be carried by 57 stations in the South. It will be on the air on alternate Sundays, July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24, then a later series starting in November.

The programs originate in Atlanta, starting at 8:30 A. M. Eastern Standard Time, 7:30 Central Standard Time. They are sponsored by the Episcopal Church's National headquarters organization, and are produced in cooperation with the Southern Religious Radio Conference. Speakers will be bishops and other clergy of the South.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY TO OPEN NEW CENTER

Chicago, Ill.—The Society of St. John the Evangelist, more familiarly known as the Cowley Fathers, will establish a Chicago community in June, the Rt. Rev. Wallace E. Conkling, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, announced at the annual diocesan convention.

The Cowley fathers will establish their Chicago house at St. Francis Church. It will be the first monastic house of an Episcopal order ever to be located in Chicago, though the diocese has had convents of nuns for several decades.



The Nippon Sei Kokwai, the Anglican Church in Japan, corresponding to the Episcopal Church in the United States, has its first postwar Presiding Bishop. The Church was held together by its leadership through the war, in spite of difficulties and persecution. Now it is strengthening its organization and planning for future usefulness. The new Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Todomu Sugai (center) received his theological education at the Episcopal Church's Seabury-Western Seminary, at Evanston, Ills. He had been a teacher at St. Paul's University, Tokyo, and later was Bishop of South Tokyo. During a part of the war he was a solitary prisoner in a dungeon for defying the Secret Police and refusing to join the state-sponsored Union Church.

Fr. Sill Still Active

The Rev. J. B. Sill "retired" a while back, but there is little evidence of it so far. Fr. Sill supplied at St. Mary's Asheville, during the whole month of May. He is engaged most Sundays, supplying at churches as called upon. He made many visits to Hickory during the winter while Mr. Stroup was ill, and has looked after the Church of the Transfiguration, Saluda, for some months.

Gavel Presented to Diocese

At a luncheon that preceded a meeting of the clergy in Hendersonville on June 4th, the Rev. J. P. Burke presented a gavel to Bishop Gribbin who accepted it in the name of the diocese. Mr. Burke said in his presentation remarks that the gavel was a real antique, dating back several hundred years. On each end of the head of the gavel, which is made of walnut, there is a star and a cross inlaid in lighter wood.

Rural Training School at Valle Crucis Opens

The Southern Rural Training School opened on June 16th at Valle Crucis under the direction of the Rev. R. O. Comfort and the Rev. A. R. Morgan. The academic portion of the school consists of two weeks of classes and lectures which will be followed by a week of practical instruction. Following the academic sessions, the students will engage in directing daily vacation bible schools and conducting preaching missions. Time will be taken after each mission and bible school period for an exchange of information and discussion of the effectiveness of particular procedures.

At the time the school opened, there were twelve students in residence. Miss Frances Barr, Penland, N. C., Mr. Joseph Carter, Gainsville, Ga., Mrs. Carol Evans Johnson, Norman, Okla., Miss Elizabeth Brigham, Blue Mounds, Wis., Mr. Richard Baker, Alexandria, Va., Mr. William Bolton, Marion, N. C., Mr. Edwin Garrett, Lansdowne, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Phlison Williamson, Sewanee, Tenn., Mr. R. J. Stone, Tulsa, Okla., Mr. Alex Fraser, Kansas City, Mo., and the Rev. Richard Whiteside, Tulsa, Okla.

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The services of Mr. Robert Putnam, layman of Trinity Church, Asheville, have been secured to take care of the advertising for **THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**. Mr. Putnam brings a great deal of experience to his new work and it is hoped that through his efforts and the efforts of others who are interested in expanding the usefulness of the diocesan paper, **THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** will be set on a very sound financial basis. All matters dealing with advertising should be referred to Mr. Putnam who may be addressed care of the White Transportation Co., Asheville, N. C.

Vacation Bible Schools

Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Preaching Missions are being conducted in most of our Negro congregations this summer. The Rev. Tollie L. Caution, Executive Secretary for Negro Work under the National Council, came into the Diocese of Western North Carolina and began the first school and preaching mission at St. Stephen's, Morganton, June 15th, running through June 20th. He was aided by the Rev. George C. Ashton, of St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton. Members of St. Stephen's have also assisted in the Vacation School, especially Miss Jewel Happoldt, Mrs. Belle Happoldt, and Miss Annie Avery.

The Vacation School reached a peak of sixty children in attendance. Visual aids, handwork, dramatics, music, Scripture, and recreation have been employed in bringing out the central theme of Psalm 23 and "Our Dependence Upon God" complimented by the story of the Good Samaritan and "God's Dependence Upon Us."

In treating the central theme of "Return to the Spiritual Life" at the Preaching Mission each evening the Rev. Mr. Caution taught and preached with scholarly inspiration. Sub-topics were "Great Convictions" (The Bible); "Great Ideals" (Conversion); "Great Hopes" (The Sacraments); "Great Inspiration" (Prayer); "Great Living and Purpose" (The Abundant Life).

It is planned that the Rev. Tollie Caution will set up a similar program to that used in Morganton during his stay at other points within the Diocese. He is visiting Good Shepherd, Tryon, June 22nd to June 28th; St. Andrew's, Green River, June 28th to July 5th; St. Cyprian's, Franklin, July 6th to July 12th; and St. Matthias', Asheville, July 12th to 13th.

"You western people have been inoculated with a mild form of Christianity which renders you immune from the real thing.

—Gandhi

YOUTH NEWS

By Ann Shuford

Patterson School

Mr. George Wiese again provided the perfect setting and facilities for the Diocesan Youth Camp. Campers and faculty gave an offering of twenty-one dollars at the final service of the Camp, and this was turned over to Mr. Wiese to be used to help build the new gymnasium being erected on the campus of Patterson School.

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Asheville

Miss Helen Thomas, President of the Young Churchmen of Western North Carolina, has completed her training for secretarial work in her hometown of Gastonia, and has accepted the position of secretary to the Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville. We all wish her success in her new job.

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Fletcher

The Young Churchmen's Club of Calvary Church prevailed on the Vestry of the Church to put an item in the budget for youth work in the Parish. This is something new for this Parish.

Activities aplenty are planned for the summer months, picnics, parties, dances, and a stand to sell refreshments and sundries, the profits to go into the fund for a new Parish House.

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Kanuga

The annual All-Youth Convention of the Province of Sewanee will be held at Kanuga Lake, July 27th to August 2nd. Those attending from this Diocese will be: Miss Helen Thomas, secretary of the Provincial Youth Commission; The Rev. Mark Jenkins, chairman of the Diocesan Youth Commission; Miss Ann Shuford, Vice-President of the Diocesan Young People, and Youth News Editor

for THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN; and Sidney Shuford, President of the Trinity, Asheville, youth group.

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Bessemer City

The reorganized group of young people of St. Andrew's, Bessemer City, is setting a pace for activity that might well serve as a goal to others. The collection of clothing for relief, the setting up of a youth center for the youth of the city, and many social events, keep all busy. Officers for this group were elected as follows: Bill Harmon, President; Harriett Hook, Vice-President; Willodene Hook, Secretary; Charlotte Thornburg, Treasurer.

YOUTH CAMP

Although attendance at the Diocesan Young Churchmen's Camp at Patterson School was the smallest of its four-year history, in many other ways it was the best Camp yet held. Classes were smaller and instruction consequently more thorough; evening programs were as ingenious and interesting as ever; the general spirit of the young people probably hit a new high. The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., served most ably as Director, and instituted several beneficial changes. The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, D. D., not only held classes on the "Prayer Book" but also preached and conducted a most helpful Preparation Service. Others on the Staff were: The Rev. G. M. Jenkins, The Rev. J. S. Huske, Jr., Miss Patricia Page, and the Rev. C. G. Leavell, plus the able assistance of Mr. George Wiese and cooperation from other members of the Staff of Patterson School. The Rev. W. C. Leach, although not a member of the Staff this year, paid a visit to the Camp and performed in his inimitable style at the evening program.

Patterson Camp

Again Patterson Camp has come and gone. Pleasant memories, happy friendships, and most of all, new inspiration and knowledge, are ours because there are those in our Diocese interested and unselfish enough to give their time and talents to help us "know the Christ" so we may "make Him known" to others.

Our thanks, from full and happy hearts, go out to the Youth Commission for all their interest and planning; to our faculty and counselors for wise and good courses of instruction; to Mr. George Wiese for bountiful meals, equipment for athletics, and the use of Patterson School; to our Bishop for his presence with us and his excellent talks; and most of all to our Chaplain for his inspiring and interesting "Studies of The Lord's Prayer".

We, the young people of this Diocese privileged to attend Patterson Camp, will try to show our appreciation in renewed interest and work in our "Church on the top of these Mountains".

Ann Shuford.

JONES HONORED AT GENERAL SEMINARY

Mr. Theodore J. Jones, a candidate for Holy Orders from the diocese, has won outstanding recognition as a student while at the General Seminary in New York. Mr. Jones was one of the seniors chosen this year to lead the meditations that were conducted each week during Lent.

In his report to the associate alumni of the Seminary, the Rev. E. R. Welles, chairman of the Executive Committee, wrote: "The Alumni prize to the outstanding senior was awarded to an attractive Negro, Mr. Theodore Jacob Jones of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, who quite won the hearts of the alumni gathered to do him honor."

I do not envy a clergyman's life as an easy life, nor do I envy the clergyman who makes it an easy life.

—Samuel Johnson

In Appreciation

*By The Rev. Mark Jenkins,
Chairman of the Youth Commission*

Success has once more crowned the week in camp at Patterson School, June 8-14, a week of worship, work and play for the group of young people we call "The Diocesan Youth". Under the able direction of the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Jr., and the inspiration of the Rev. C. G. Leavell, Chaplain, we all, campers and faculty alike, spent a most profitable week in Happy Valley.

It seems to me that too often in our fast and hectic world, work is done, service to others is rendered, or interest is shown, and never a word of gratitude is spoken. I, as chairman of the Youth Commission, want to use this means of expressing publicly my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. R. E. Gribbin, to Mr. George Wiese, and to all the members of the faculty and the counselors, for their interest and labors in directing, teaching, and giving of themselves without stint to make camp week an unforgettable event in the lives of our Diocesan Young People. I wish also to thank all the boys and girls who attended camp for their fine spirit and cooperation which made our work a labor of pleasure.

Let us look forward now to the Youth Convention to be held in Morganton the first part of October. Planning and working and pulling together, we will make it another high spot of success in our Youth program in this Diocese, of "knowing the Christ and making Him known".

FR. FARNUM GIVEN GIFT

The clergy of the Asheville Convocation have given a traveling bag to Fr. Farnum in appreciation of his many years of service as the Dean of the Convocation. The bag was given with the expressed hope of the clergy that Fr. Farnum will not cease his travels in the service of the diocese.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

With 114 visitors present, including 70 delegates from 29 branches, 16 members of the executive board, and two members of the National Board, the twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of Western North Carolina, began on June the fifth in the Chapel of the Transfiguration at Kanuga. Miss Lucy Fisher, Diocesan president, presided.

The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin led the prayers, after which Mr. Raeford Sumner, of the Kanuga staff, welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. A. B. Stoney responded.

The keynote of Miss Fletcher's address was "Give us, O God, the strength to build the City that has stood too long a dream." After reviewing the work of the Auxiliary for the past year, she urged the women to work hard to meet the challenge of the times. She said: "We can't expect non-Christians to meet the staggering problems of today. What we as Christian women do in the community and world must result from intelligent decisions based on earnest Christian convictions that can come only from lives lived close to God in prayer and worship."

Following reports from Diocesan officers, Miss Edith Balford, Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Service for Youth, talked on the work of the Service for Youth, urging the women to seek out young women interested in this work and to help give them training.

The Rev. Rufus A. Morgan, missionary to the Southwest, showed the model of the Chapel of St. Francis of Assisi to be built on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and the Rev. W. C. Leach talked briefly about his work with boys at Valle Crucis.

Following the adoption of the Advance Work Offering project, which will

go to aid the Redeemer, Craggy, and to Trinity, Haw Creek, to help with a parish house, the women adjourned to Departmental Conferences.

The evening session opened with the showing of a film, "One World Or None", after which Mr. R. Mayne Albright, N. C. Executive Secretary of the United World Federalists, spoke on "The Path To Peace—World Government". Bishop Gribbin conducted the very impressive preparation service.

Friday, the sixth, started with a celebration of Holy Communion.

The high spot of the entire convention was the talk by Mrs. Arthur Sherman, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary. So important and timely was her message that it is printed in full on page 9. Mrs. Sherman talked on her recent trip to the Orient, and when she had finished each woman felt keenly her responsibility, and thought long on the words "Everyone to whom much has been given, much shall be required", and realized that "We must give of ourselves—our prayers, our fellowship, and our friendship."

Mrs. John E. Schley, of Biltmore, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers, all of whom were elected, as follows:

Vice-President: Mrs. E. L. Kemper, Shelby.

Treasurer: Mrs. May T. New, Gastonia.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations: Mrs. George Fletcher, Hendersonville.

Director 1st District: Mrs. Tom Wright, Asheville.

Director 2nd District: Miss Aline Cronshey, Bat Cave.

Delegates to the Provincial meeting in Atlanta, October 14-16: Mrs. Mark

Jenkins, Mrs. George Weise, Mrs. Donnell VanNoppen, Mrs. Alice Maxwell. Alternates: Mrs. Mark Dickerson, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. George Fletcher and Mrs. Tom Wright.

Mrs. J. C. Brown was made a member of the nominating committee, Mrs. E. L. McKinsey was appointed as Chairman of Isolated Women, Mrs. W. G. Byerly, Chairman of Church Periodical Club, and Mrs. Owens Hand Brown, Chairman of Church School.

Address by Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman

Address by Mrs. Arthur M. Sherman, Executive Secretary, Woman's Auxiliary to the Twenty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Council, Diocese of Western North Carolina, Kanuga Lake, Friday, June 6, 1947.

Mrs. Sherman said that she spoke to the Auxiliary ten years ago when she came back from her first trip around the world. She now reported on her trip to the Orient.

A group of four—Dr. Addison, Dr. Franklin, Dr. McGill and Mrs. Sherman—went to see what effect war had on life and work of church in China, the Philippines and Japan. They were unable to go to Japan as Dr. Addison was taken with a heart attack on the Island of Guam and had to stay there. Mrs. Sherman could not go alone. The women of the church in Japan are reorganizing the Auxiliary and are having to hold conferences by mail.

The party traveled mostly by air. They crossed the Pacific by plane, but in China and the Philippines toured the country by jeep, which is the official Bishop's car in the Orient. The jeep was also used in Shanghai and other Chinese cities. The most dangerous traveling was done on the mountain roads in the Philippines. Many bridges in the mountain provinces were blown out and they had to ford rivers, pushing the jeep through water.

In Manila the party, and even the Bishop, were shocked at what they saw.

No reconstruction has yet started as the islands are trying to establish nationhood and reconstruct at the same time. The buildings in the municipal area are still in a toppling condition. It is difficult to raise money to work on the new Manila. There is a seven dollar head tax to enter Manila and a five per cent value on luggage to get in. Just as we were leaving the island we had to hold a service in the ruins or pay a tax. They are a very brave people. We want to give all the backing we can to this group coming into independence. The high cost of living affects them as well as the missionary work. A magazine and a box of Kleenex costs \$1.50 gold. But still that is not as bad as it is in China where the American dollar fluctuates from day to day. In Manila we lost the beautiful cathedral and all the buildings we owned. There are many squatters living in the ruins of the cathedral with their dogs and chickens. Where the altar once stood is now a bedroom. One cannot blame these people as they find it very difficult to find a place to live.

From the site of the cathedral we went to St. Luke's Hospital. Although it had been condemned, that building was preserved. When the missionaries were interned they carried on under the Japanese and were still carrying on at the close of the war. The medical director, his wife and four leading nurses are now in this country for physical, spiritual and mental recuperation. The leadership is being taken by native groups and American nurses work under them. The Chinese chapel is used for different nations of the world. The Chinese school, with the exception of one building, is still standing and overflowing with pupils. They work in two shifts and the work is flourishing in spite of great handicaps.

The most exciting work is among the mountain provinces of the Philippines, where there is a very primitive group of people. Ten years ago there were no native missionaries. Fortunately, just before the war two men were ordained, who carried on in their centers through the war years. They can go back into

the mountain stations only by foot or on horseback. They ministered not only to their own people but to any G. I. who was in trouble, sometimes helping them to escape. One priest prepared 4000 people during the war years and another confirmed 800 people. The former religion of fear is being supplanted by the religion of love. One priest was the son of a witch doctor and had a hard time converting his mother but finally brought her to God. Most of the adults are illiterate. On election day five candidates stood outside the city hall with tags of different color. The people voted according to the color of the tag. The men elected were an important part of our work.

As we traveled along the mountain roads we were greeted by converts and found many of our people scattered all through that province. The war, in a sense, brought more people into the church but the institutions were shattered. The women told how much the U.T.O. had meant to them. The concrete and stone buildings were destroyed but a frame building was sometimes left standing. Eight people—the priest, his wife and five children—were living on the second floor of a partially ruined home. Some women with sick babies had walked ten miles for help. We were able to secure fifty beds from the Army surplus and are trying through the supply work to keep up the hospital equipment, linens, etc. The work is most encouraging because of the response. The material to do building and the labor could be secured at small cost in Manila but in China no building is possible at present because of the high cost of materials and labor. We are one million dollars short of what is needed.

It was decided not to rebuild where the old cathedral stood but to erect a building on a new site for the spiritual, medical and educational center of our work, where candidates can be trained for the ministry and the women for their work. In addition, a training school for nurses is planned, a boys' high school and a girls' high school. There is money enough to start but not to finish. We

hope to start in the summer and move into it in the fall. A prefabricated building is to be used for the seminary. There are twenty-five candidates for training, all married men. We asked the Women's Auxiliary for \$2,000 to take care of them, their wives and fifty children. The Supply Secretary said she sent out allotments to the Auxiliary requesting sheets, pillow cases, etc. for the candidates and their families. To illustrate how little the people have in the way of clothing, as the children came up in line for baptism the same one or two dresses kept reappearing as they were used over and over by different children.

China is much more complicated but has the same problems. The political, economical and whole moral structure was destroyed during the war years. A woman with a legacy of one thousand dollars wanted to give it to Chinese relief but wanted to wait until China settled down. At the present time, when the country is in a state of flux, it seems the church should go into China with all it has in the way of material and Gospel. I think what China and the world needs from America today is not just the economic support, but the spiritual values for which the church stands—the Gospel rather than gauze.

FAITH

How is it proved?

It isn't proved, you fool. It can't be proved

How can you prove a victory before

It's won? How can you prove a man who leads

To be a leader worth following

Unless you follow to the death?

Well, God's my leader, and I hold that
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Is good and strong enough to work His
plan

And purpose out to its appointed end.

—Studdert Kennedy



Seabury House, Greenwich, Conn., has been acquired for use as a conference center and hostel for the National organization of the Episcopal Church. The Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, D.D., with his family, will occupy a smaller house which is a part of the estate. The place belonged to Herbert L. Satterlee. Present plans provide for holding meetings and conferences of various Church organizations and agencies at the Center, and for the entertainment of missionaries and others who will come to confer with the Presiding Bishop. The house is named in memory of the first American Bishop of the Episcopal Church who was Bishop of Connecticut from 1784 to 1796.

Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief

(Please see item on page 15 regarding the inaccuracy of this list.)

Arden, Christ School	\$ 10.00
Hendersonville, St. James'	187.60
Tryon, Holy Cross	1,100.00
Valle Crucis, Holy Cross	259.84
Beaver Creke, St. Mary's	10.75
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Murphy, Redeemer	30.00
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NEWS FROM MORGANTON

A son, Hugh McMurdo Leavell, was born to the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Leavell on May 14th.

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When the Diocesan Convention meets in Grace Church, Morganton, May 13th and 14th, 1948, it is believed the new Rectory will be completed on the lot adjacent to the Parish House. A brief service was held on the morning of May 26th when ground was broken for the Rectory. It is to be an eight room dwelling of stone.

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An addition to the Vestry room, recessing of the organ, and installation of a memorial window briefly sums up the plans for the J. Hardie Turner Memorial to be built at the same time the new Rectory is under construction. Necessary funds have been on hand for some time, but actual work delayed because of difficulty in securing permission to build.

Mr. Turner died in July, 1943, after faithful and efficient service as organist of Grace Church for over forty years.

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REPORT SHOWS W. N. C. HIGH ON LIST

In a Progress Report sent to all the clergy the National Council listed all the dioceses contributing to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The Diocese of Western North Carolina, with a quota of \$3,323, had sent the sum of \$3,863 and stood fourth on the list of percentage giving with 115%. This report was tabulated on the basis of money received in New York up to June 15th and does not take into consideration funds received since that time. Western North Carolina, up to July 5th, has given a total of \$4,344.83.

The Church in North Carolina is very well represented in this Progress Report, for of the top four dioceses reported, East Carolina stood first with 202% and North Carolina stood third with 141%. The Diocese of Vermont was second with 197%.

The Churchwide report was not too encouraging since it showed that the million dollar mark had not been reached. It was hoped that the goal would be achieved by May 25th.

GENERAL SEMINARY ALUMNI

Bishop Gribbin, the Rev. I. N. Northup, and the Rev. J. B. Sill attended the annual alumni meeting at the General Seminary on May 27th. They attended their class reunion dinners that night, it being Mr. Northup's tenth, Bishop Gribbin's thirty-fifth, and Fr. Sill's fiftieth year of graduation. They also attended the Commencement Exercises the next day. Theodore J. Jones of the diocese was among the graduates.

The alumni of General who are serving in the diocese, met for luncheon at the Plaza in Biltmore, on May 14th. They had as guests, Fr. Lambert, a Sewanee alumnus, and the Rev. J. N. Atkins, a General alumnus and formerly of the diocese. There are ten General men now in the diocese.

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Question Box

By Rev. J. P. Burke

Why doesn't the Church keep up with the world?

One reason is, the Church is not here to do that. The Church is to move the world rather than keep up with it. There was a time when Christians were referred to as follows: "These that have turned the world upside down have come." True progress is not so much a matter of speed as it is direction.

I think this is what our questioner had in mind: Why isn't the Church more successful in solving the problems of the peoples of the world? One answer to that is, too many churchmen are churchmen in name, but not in fact. Robert Browning, the poet, says that "—the acknowledgement of God in Christ, accepted by reason, solves for thee all questions in earth and out of it." We need desperately to re-think our churchmanship and its implications, and, to act upon our findings.

What is this World Government Movement?

The United World Federalists send out the following statement of their belief and practice. "We believe that peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of justice, of law, of order—in short, that world peace can be created and maintained only under world law, universal and strong enough to prevent armed conflict between nations." "... We will work primarily to strengthen the United Nations into a world government of limited powers adequate to prevent war and having direct jurisdiction over the individual in those matters within its competence." Its leaders say there is no alternative to federation except wars.

Are the Old Catholic Churches in union with our Church?

The Old Catholic churches came into full union with the Church of England in 1932. The fact that they are in full communion, however, does make them Anglican. They have their own history, customs and liturgies.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

On page 11 of this issue the total given from receipts from the parishes and missions for World Relief is \$3,752.46. This is not correct. The right figure according to Mr. Redwood's books is \$4,344.83. There has been some horrible mistake in calculation on the part of the editor and he would appreciate it if those churches incorrectly reported or left out entirely would let him know in no uncertain terms.

LAYMAN'S ISSUE

The August Issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN will feature articles by leading laymen of the diocese. Men who are familiar figures in the lives of the parishes and missions will give evidence of the faith that is in them. There will not only be feature articles but news of what laymen have done and are doing to further the work of the Church in the diocese.

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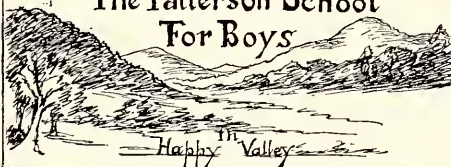
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The new Church of the Transfiguration at Bat Cave is now nearing completion. All of the exterior stone work is done and work is progressing rapidly on the finishing of the interior of the church.

The parish house, which is an integral part of the whole plant, has been complete and in use for some time. The congregation has been able to use the large parish hall as a chapel.

The completion of this beautiful stone church so soon after the fire that destroyed the old frame building is a remarkable achievement. Much of the credit is due to the energetic leadership and skill of Father Frank A. Saylor who has personally supervised and helped in the construction.

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The Layman and Personal Work

A good layman of a parish in the diocese used to say we must convince the people of the "Priesthood of the Laity". There is a very real sense in which a layman is not unlike a priest. Like a priest, he too has been baptized. He too, has had the hands of the Bishop laid on his head. He too, has been set aside, enrolled as a soldier and servant in the battle against the world, the flesh and the devil. Let him work in the Church under the officers placed over him!

In our opinion, the first step in the revival of Lay Evangelism or Personal Work is to give the laymen a feeling of belonging, belonging to a Parish or Mission, belonging to a Diocese, belonging to the General Church. This is not always easy to do. It would seem that baptism, confirmation, and letters of transfer would be quite enough. All of us know, however, that many parishioners who have had all of these in their lives, manifest no feeling of belonging that is followed by a feeling of personal

responsibility and a desire to do Personal Work. They look upon the Church objectively.

The Archbishop of Canterbury says: "The hope of England, the hope of everywhere, is a realization of the uniqueness of personal responsibility; of loyalty to old absolutes. - - - Perhaps the signal service which Christianity has given to the world was first to create—and then to keep alive—the sense of obligation of man to man."

A layman (man or woman) is a vital unit of the Church. Every vital unit is responsible for a share of the whole work of the Church. When we stop to think, all of us know that the purpose of a parish is the bringing of people to God and God to people. It is not enough for a layman to contribute some money to a parish. He must try to bring other people. Evangelism is one of the four great purposes of the Church. He must share in it. Seventy-five per cent of the world's population claim no allegiance to Christ. We must "keep alive the sense of obligation of man to man."

One of the best Missioners we have ever had in our Church, the Rev. J. A. Schaad, once said: "Evangelism—telling others the good news of sins forgiven through the great love of God; telling others of the directing power of the Holy Spirit in the daily life—this is the inherent right and duty of every baptized member of Christ. And if one has not these personal experiences himself, so that he can tell others, there is urgent need for conversion in his own life."

Just what method can a layman use? There are so many ways that one can bring people to God through the parish that one hesitates to name any. The New Testament stresses the personal way. The simpler, the more natural, the more direct approach is, as in most matters, the best. Do not wait for more organization. You belong now. Start now, today. Start where you are with your brother man where he is. Say, come with me, let us worship together.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in The United States

On St. Andrew's Day, 1883, twelve young men, with the approval of their rector, the Rev. W. H. Vibbert, D. D., and inspired by James L. Houghteling, agreed to follow the example of St. Andrew in bringing his brother, Peter, to Christ. In order to accomplish this purpose effectively they adopted two rules: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Soon they became a spiritual force in the parish. Their action was emulated by groups of men and boys in other parishes of the Church and by 1886 the Brotherhood of St. Andrew became an organized dynamic force in the life of the Church. It was incorporated by an Act of Congress and now functions as a national organization under a charter signed by the late President Theodore Roosevelt, dated May 30, 1908.

Today the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an association of organized groups of men and boys within the Church who have banded themselves together on the basis of the two Brotherhood rules and who desire to have fellowship with, and seek help from, one another as they face unitedly the urgency to "spread Christ's Kingdom among men, especially young men".

From its beginning the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been in, with and for the Church. It does not exist to propagate itself as an organization, but rather to revitalize the spiritual life of the laity of the whole Church and to arouse and mobilize them to greater personal effort for Christ and His Kingdom.

Typical of such efforts is the annual Advent Communion for Men and Boys. This service was first sponsored by the Brotherhood chapter at the Church of the Epiphany in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1893. Recognized as a stimulant to the work and worship of parish laymen, others followed the example. Today this service is observed throughout the Church with many thousands of men and boys joining in the corporate act of dedication of self at the beginning of the Church year. The Washington's Birthday Communion is also held in many diocese—in Long Island the occasion marks an impressive gathering of thousands—and further develops the strength of the laity, while events such as the Jamestown Pilgrimage to commemorate the first Eucharist held on Virginia soil renew appreciation to our noble heritage.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has participated actively in the Church's program. Its members have visited the stranger, the sick, the indifferent, the unfortunate in hospital or prison. Brotherhood members have labored to increase Church attendance and to bring men and boys to Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Communion. In its long life, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has developed a veritable army of lay readers and candidates for the Christian ministry.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's program and work rest upon the twin foundation stones of personal prayer and personal service. While these rules make explicit the importance of the individual in the work of extending the Kingdom, the chapter unit is the basis of operation in the parish.

Any group of two or more baptized men or boys may, with the approval of their rector, form a chapter and affiliate with the national organization. Their program of work is determined by the needs of their parish and the direction of their clergy. The two rules of Prayer and Service bring the Brotherhood ideal down to the level of the individual member's life by guiding him into the practice of daily prayer and using his personal influence wherever he can in leading other men and boys nearer to Christ through His Church. Thus, is provided a working

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The Layman As Vestryman

By V. Jordan Brown

More and more it is becoming apparent that laymen must take an active part in the life of the Church, and Vestrymen have a unique opportunity to lead the way in making the Church a greater force for good in each community and in the nation. This does not presume that the clergy has failed or is not doing its share in the stupendous task that lies ahead of us, but does stress the fact that the clergy alone should not be expected to shoulder the entire burden of a movement designed to help the laymen as well as the Church.

At the Diocesan Convention in May, Mr. W. L. Balthis, one of the outstanding laymen of the Diocese, urged that the laymen actively support by every way possible the evangelistic movement being sponsored by the National Church, and the Rev. I. N. Northup introduced a resolution appointing several laymen to support the Bishop in this endeavor. In the final analysis, the success of this project depends almost entirely on how and with what vigour the interested laymen work.

Vestrymen usually have a close and intimate relationship with their Rector, who should see to it that they are properly informed about the needs of the Church. The material side is, of course, important, and must be given its due share of time and effort and thought, but too many vestry meetings are concerned with this alone, and other problems, usually as important, are overlooked, or, if brought to light, discussed only casually, the solution being left to the Rector if he can find one. An exception to this was an interesting meeting of our own vestry recently held at which, forgetting finances for a while, we attempted to visualize the real ob-

jectives towards which we felt the Church should be moving. The discussion developed was enlightening and it is to be regretted that this type of meeting is so rare. In all fairness, the situation is not due entirely to the Vestrymen who have for so long been led to believe that their main responsibility was to see that the necessary funds for the operation of the Parish were raised, and, if collected, spent.

Now, however, we have been asked by our Bishop to take a greater interest and responsibility in the building up of the Church, and there are many ways in which Vestrymen can be of real help. First, they can sell themselves on the idea that the Church is a vital part of their lives, an integral part of the community, and then sell others the same idea, work to create more interest in the life of the Church, encourage regular Church attendance, strive to set better standards of religious education for the children (a need that is felt throughout the country), and be constantly the right hand and main support of their Rector. If you are a wise Vestryman, you will soon realize that as an individual you cannot alone do all this, and that the vestry as a whole cannot do it all, but that the task requires the interest and efforts of all the laymen in your Parish. The need of the Church and all it stands for and teaches is today so urgent that the thoughts of all should be directed toward it to the end that it can be presented to the world for what it is, the hope and salvation of all.

It is fair to assume that if such a work were undertaken and successfully carried out that vestries would have their material worries lessened to such an extent that more and more time could be given to the spiritual side of the Church.

The Layman's Thoughts on The Highland Churchman

By Charles Latimer Grigsby, Redeemer, Asheville

During the last few years we have seen the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN grow from a four page to a sixteen page paper with many improvements both of policy and appearance. This is due to the interest and work of the splendid and thoughtful editors and their staffs.

The HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is our own publication and it is published primarily for the laymen in our Diocese. In the majority of our church families it is the only religious publication received and, through the action of our Convention last year, a copy should be in each home.

The aim of the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is twofold. From the standpoint of the Diocese, the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN should seek to present all Diocesan plans and activities set forth by our Convention and the Executive Council. It should help promote the work of the general church and the National Council both at home and abroad. It should seek to rid the Church of the narrow parochialism so evident in the majority of our congregations. It should help to encourage and evangelize the un-churched in our local community and diocese.

From the standpoint of the individual

layman, the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN's aim should be to bring to the layman news and information concerning the church beyond our own parish boundaries. It should strive to further instruct us in the principles of the Christian faith and practice. It should help to deepen and strengthen our own personal spiritual life and bring our people together into a closer fellowship with our Lord and Saviour.

Is the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN fulfilling its function? We can see that it is in part but not altogether.

The greatest need and emphasis should be on instruction and teaching, the need for which is felt by all good laymen. The goal for each of us in this year of evangelism should be toward a better inspired, better instructed, and more active church through education, worship, and service. Through the pages of this magazine, as in no other way, the Church can teach and inspire us to be better Christian Evangelists.

May God help us this year to have a deeper faith in the Church of God as set forth by the Episcopal Church, that we may begin NOW to convert the world about us to our Lord's way!

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW IN THE UNITED STATES

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method for those men and boys of the Church who desire in and through their lives to reach out beyond the observance of a formal church relationship to touch lives that they, too, might share in the work and blessings of the Church's life.

How can the Brotherhood of St. Andrew best serve the Church? By following the example of our patron saint, for in *St. John 1:41* is recorded: "He first findeth his own brother Simon and saith unto him, 'We have found the Messiah' . . . and he brought him to Jesus."

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew follows the example of St. Andrew. Knowing our own weaknesses and shortcomings, we strive only to serve by bringing others to Christ that they may become greater and stronger members of the Church of tomorrow. Membership in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a serious business—it puts *first things first*.

The Church today is devoting its faith and energy to the great task of evangelism, but a large portion of its laymen have not yet realized their own individual responsibility in this task. It is therefore important for those who do recognize this obligation to stand together in a national organization, in order that they more effectively lead other laymen to a similar acceptance of the Church's call to active service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew affords an opportunity to do this.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in The Diocese

By William L. Balthis

From a Layman's standpoint, I think the idea of devoting an issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN to Evangelism is a very happy thought. I would like to suggest to all in the Diocese, The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew as ONE means of furthering the prosperity of our much beloved but much neglected Church. Nationally and internationally the Episcopal Church has only one organization for men whose sole objective is the leading of men and women to Christ into His Church through Baptism and Confirmation. There are so many ways in which this objective can be obtained, in reaching those from young to old, it is difficult to be specific in such a short article as this. With two or more gathered together in a Chapter, The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is pledged to carry out the Brotherhood's two Rules of Service, namely, to pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and especially young men, and to make at least one earnest effort each week to lead some man near to Christ through His Church—Prayer and Service. These rules while set up as definite obligations of Members of the Brotherhood, are in reality nothing more than the obligation of every Baptized, Confirmed Communicant and should not be shied away from. Do we not publicly profess our belief in an allegiance to Christ and His Holy Church when we are Baptized and Confirmed? Our presiding Bishop, *our* Bishop, and all the leaders of our Church are as one to the need of Evangelism, and warn us of "The complacency and smugness that beset us as Christians." May we snap out of this complacency, each and every one of us, and offer our services to our Spiritual Leaders! There is a definite place for the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew in every congregation, whether it be Evangelical or Anglo Catholic—"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God". The movement was begun at our last

Diocesan Convention to arouse our Laymen and Laywomen, and the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew stands ready to throw all of it's resources into this movement.

Statistics indicate that we have less Communicants than we had two or three years ago. Let's change this condition by supporting our Bishop and make it a progressive, up and going Diocese. We have so much that is sacred and attractive about our branch of The Real Church, we will be held responsible unless all embrace its privileges and duties.

THE STORY OF THE MONTH

A couple of years ago, a layman of St. Luke's, Boone, was visited regularly by a salesman who was not a Church member. At each visit the conversation would turn to religion. The layman, himself a recent convert, not only stressed the privileges of Church membership, but put Church books and other literature into the salesman's hands. After many such visits, the salesman was brought to confirmation in another parish in the diocese.

There was nothing complicated about this lay-evangelism. The layman was zealous and eager to talk about his Church; religion was not considered to be something too mysterious to be talked about in the ordinary course of business and social contacts; so today there is one more man serving the Church.

Full details regarding the program of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew may be secured by contacting its National Council member in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, W. L. Balthis, Gastonia, N. C., or by writing the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 105 West Monument Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

The Layman as Acolyte

By Forrest B. Wood

An acolyte, or "one who serves," might be considered an order of the priesthood of the laity. Certainly his functions entail a responsibility of which he should be ever aware and for which he should be ever thankful.

In the Second Office of Instruction, the question, "What is your bounden duty as a member of the Church?" is answered in part by, "... to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom." Each of these three requirements are especially applicable to an acolyte.

His main *work* is to assist the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice. This is what he loves above all other duties; it may not therefore, be thought of an actual work, but when one considers that celebrations of the Eucharist frequently come at an early hour, the temptation to get that extra hour or two of sleep is overcome only by a feeling of obligation that he has a job to do.

The acolyte is taught to *pray* by our

Lord Himself in the Lord's own service. At each Eucharist he hears intentions for varied circumstances, for all sorts and conditions of men, for the whole state of Christ's Church. Thereby he learns that important form of prayer—intercessory prayer—prayer for others—and he becomes more and more a part of Christ's Body and less and less of an individual. He lifts up his heart with the angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, worshipping with them the King of Kings.

The acolyte *gives* in the giving of himself to God's service. He also gives his services to men at the important times of their lives: at their baptisms, their confirmations, their communions, their marriages and at their burials.

From the altar the acolyte goes out into the world of laymen of which he is such an integral part. It is in this busy world where the fruits of his work, his prayer and his giving are evident to all with whom he comes in touch.

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Layman's Work

By The Reverend Arnold M. Lewis, Executive Director

The thought of the Episcopal Church is turning more and more to the field of Evangelism. The Church, clergy and laity alike, are coming to a realization of the fact that if the Christian Way of Life is the only certain foundation upon which a peaceful world can be created, the Church must arouse itself from its lethargy and catch a vision of the immense task which confronts us.

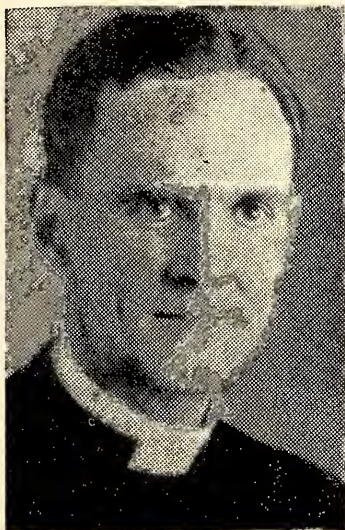
The laymen of the Church must play an important part in the extension of the Christian religion into their community and into the world. Many laymen, as individuals and in groups, are already at work. They recognize that they are Christ's representatives and as such are striving to make their individual lives more effective. They want

their parish and mission to really count for something in their community. They want their lives to be of such a caliber that they will speak by action for the things in which they believe. In other words, they definitely want to bring others into the Christian fellowship.

The Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work is vitally interested in this whole program of Evangelism. As a movement within the Episcopal Church, this Committee is endeavoring to instill in the laymen of the Church new enthusiasm and new incentives. Through suggested programs and especially through its "Plan of Action" the Committee is witnessing new enthusiasm on the part of the men of the Church. Laymen are becoming cog-

nizant of the fact that the Episcopal Church is a democratic organization, that the effectiveness of the Church is not dependent entirely upon the clergy.

Organized in 1942, the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work has built up a chain of leadership extending from keymen in parishes and missions through Diocesan Chairmen and Provincial Chairmen to the Committee and the Presiding Bishop. Thorough suggested programs and the interchange of ideas, and where adequate leadership has been forthcoming, it can honestly be said that the laymen of this Church are on the march!



Rev. R. B. Campbell

The Vestry has announced that the Rev. Robert Bailey Campbell has accepted a call to the Church of the Ascension, Hickory. He will take over his duties on September 15th, following a four and a half years rectorship of the Church of the Incarnation, Cleveland.

Mr. Campbell, a native of Virginia, is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, and prior to his ordination to the priesthood had taught at Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va., Roanoke College, and at Duke University.



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The Brotherhood in Japan

Lt. Col. Paul Rusch, GHQ, Tokyo, twenty-one years ago a civilian, found himself in Tokyo on a business mission in no way associated with the Church. Having free time before sailing for home, he visited St. Paul's University where meeting Bishop McKim resulted in a vital change in his life's plans. The Bishop was seeking to fill a vacancy on the University's faculty and urged Paul to help him out by taking the job.

Though it meant an adjustment to a sub-standard living base, Paul Rusch accepted this urgent challenge on trial, having no intention of remaining beyond one year when he counted on some missionary to take his place. One year later on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1927, standing before the altar in All Saints' Chapel of the University, Paul Rusch with Professor Negishi and ten students recently baptized for whom Paul has assumed the responsibility as their godfather were admitted into membership of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Thus, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew began in Japan as well as a career which has had a tremendous influence ever since among the Japanese Christians—the story of another Paul who was not disobedient to the Heavenly Vision.

Writing to his friends in 1947, Col. Rusch said:

"From that moment I found something—something new I never quite knew before—Prayer and Service. It became my basic blue print for these eventful twenty years now past. Somehow, and provided no wars get in my way, I think I have ten or more good years to extend this pattern stemming from the Brotherhood Camp Seisen Ryo (Pure Spring) in a practical way to the men, women and children of Kitakoma Gun (county) of Yamanashi Prefecture (state)."

These plans for the years ahead on the part of Paul Rusch and the Brother-

hood of St. Andrew in Japan form the basis of this article. Up to the war, he had 1,200 picked young men enlisted for active service as members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in spreading Christ's Kingdom, instructed and trained at the Brother's Camp Seisen Ryo with the cooperation and leadership of the Bishops and clergy of the Japanese Church and the Missionary Bishops and clergy of the American, English and Canadian Churches.

After seven months confinement in the Sumire Camp, Paul Rusch was repatriated and returned home in 1942. After a short rest, he began service as an officer in the Military Intelligence Section at Fort Snelling, Minn. While there he arranged for regular celebrations of the Holy Communion for officers and GI's and instructions for many who wished to be baptized and confirmed. He brought hundreds of Niseis to St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis for special services.

Five years later Paul Rusch was back in Japan preparing for the 15th Annual Meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which was held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 1946, on the grounds of bombed-out Central Theological College, Tokyo. Much that was the lifework of countless missionaries in Japan was wiped out by the war years, but somehow even through the darkest days a little flame of love and brotherhood was kept alive. Its rebirth into a great flame of hope was manifested by that great gathering on St. Andrew's Day, and the day will long be remembered in Japan as a "shot in the arm" for the Diocese of Tokyo.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

St. James, Hendersonville

The Rt. Rev. Keh-Tsung Mao, D.D., of Shanghai, China, preached on the Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Bishop Mao was consecrated in 1946. This was his first visit to America. He came over during the early part of March at the invitation of the National Council and has spent the past five months visiting various churches and conferences. He preached and lectured at the Kanuga Conferences. He left following the services at St. James for New York and Shanghai.

A daily vacation Bible School was conducted in July, under the leadership of Miss Aline Cronshey. About forty were enrolled. The theme of the School was "Indian Life." Chief Ho-To-Pi of Oklahoma who was attending the Art Colony here made a visit to the School and told the children of his people and their life.

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Grace Church, Waynesville

The Rector's Guild was instrumental in sponsoring a Paint Campaign that resulted in the painting and refurbishing of the church. The work was done during the past Spring, so that Grace Church could present a pleasing appearance to the many who visit Waynesville in the summer.

After some time spent in the hospital, the Rev. Robert Tatum, Rector, has been able to regain some strength and is again conducting services.

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Christ School, Arden

A new Chaplain has been secured to succeed the Rev. Gale D. Webbe who is now rector of St. Mary's, Asheville. He is the Reverend John Grosvenor Dahl, formerly of the Missionary District of Haiti, and will take up his duties at the School early in September.

Father Dahl is thirty-two years old, a graduate of Berkely Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., from which semi-

nary he received an S. T. B. degree in 1941. He was ordained to the Diaconate in June, 1941, and advanced to the Priesthood in March, 1942. He was canonically resident in the Diocese of Michigan during the year 1941-1943 and in the Missionary District of Haiti from 1943 until this year.

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St. Matthias, Asheville

A new roof is being put on the church, a piece of work which was absolutely necessary. The congregation is quite pleased with this achievement, and with activity going on apace, it is hoped that it will not be too long before a full-time rector can be secured. Archdeacon Kennedy has been in charge of services.

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Admission Service at Penland

On the eleventh of July, the Reverend Peter W. Lambert, Jr., was admitted into the Oratory of the Good Shepherd. The service consisted of Solemn Matins, Sung Litany, and Sung Eucharist. The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin, Bishop of Western North Carolina, presided and received the vows. The Rev. W. C. Leach was celebrant, the Rev. Gale D. Webbe, Deacon, and Brother Robert, O. G. S., Sub-Deacon. Priests present also included: J. S. Huske, D. J. Stroup, A. P. Mack, J. N. Atkins, A. W. Far-num, J. H. Rhys.

Father Lambert was elected by the American College last December, but the service of admission was withheld until a member of the Oratory could be present.

The Oratory of the Good Shepherd is a society of priests and laymen of the Anglican Communion striving to live a life of devotion and service under the inspiration of a Rule. Founded in 1913 at Cambridge University, England, it includes the Bishops of Ely and Northern Rhodesia as members. The present Superior is Canon Wilfred Knox of Pembroke College, Cambridge. The Prior

of the American College is the Rev. Robert P. Casey, O. G. S. of Brown University. There are also modified Rules for priest and lay Companions.

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Holy Cross, Valle Crucis

Ground is being broken and bulldozing being done in preparation for the erection of a "parish" hall. As Holy Cross is still a mission, it is not proper to refer to the proposed building as a parish house, but it is a bit confusing to say "mission house" with the original mission house still standing that now serves as a residence for a School Farm employee. But the important thing is that work is starting and it is hoped that the building will be completed before cold weather. Present plans call for the erection of a twenty by forty-eight foot Quonset hut that has already been tagged, "The Tin Can." It is estimated that with funds already at hand, it will still take another thousand dollars to finish the building completely.

A new oil burning furnace has been ordered, and it is expected that it will be installed in the rectory in the very near future. Most of the purchase price is already in hand, and it is hoped that the Fall crop of corn in the Church Garden will be of substantial help in meeting the rest.

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Valle Crucis School

With the conclusion of an academic period of one month, the students who are attending the school for rural work started on a series of Bible Schools. In the first ten-day period, schools were held at Murphy, Cherokee, Cartoachaye, and Happy Valley. In the second period, schools were conducted at Glendale Springs, Happy Valley, Holy Cross, Valle Crucis and St. John's, Lower Watauga.

There will be one more ten-day period before the school closes for the season. It is expected that an even larger rural training school will be held next year. The Rev. E. D. Butt, formerly of the diocese, has been named director of the 1948 session.

Youth News

By Ann Shuford

Morganton

The Y. P. S. L. of Grace Church, Morganton, for their last meeting of the summer had a picnic June 1 at Lake James. The whole group attended Church service at St. Paul's Mission, held by the Rev. Charles Leavell, before going to the lake. The afternoon was spent swimming and boat riding.

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Hendersonville

The Young People of St. James re-organized on June 15th and elected the following officers: Mary Turner, President; Anne Waldrop, Vice-President; Sue Briggs, Secretary and Treasurer; Betty Coachman, Dick Wooten, and Alcera Turner, Program Committee. This group is serving as the choir for evening services during the summer and they are organizing a Junior Vestry. Monthly Corporate Communions are on their program.

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Fletcher

As the summer advances, members of the Young Churchman's Club of Calvary, Fletcher, find more and more activities to keep them busy. The Club has sponsored several square dances with Rod Miller calling. On the 18th of July they had their first square dance that was open to the public. The proceeds went into the treasury and will be used at the discretion of the Club.

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Keep in mind the Diocesan All-Youth Convention to be held in Morganton, October 3rd and 4th.

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Book Review

By Rev. J. H. Rhys

IN DEFENCE OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, a review of "TRUTHS MEN LIVE BY" by Rev. John A. O'Brien, Professor of Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame. (Macmillan Company, \$2.75)

"The reviewer, a clergyman, wishes that every minister of the gospel might read this book, but perhaps it would be too much to wish that most ministers, including himself, could be as gifted as Dr. O'Brien in their approach to the truths that men live by." Rev. J. R. Perkins in the Chicago Sunday Tribune.

The publishers have printed this testimonial on the jacket of the book. In addition it has had a good press from periodicals of such divergent points of view as The Living Church and The Christian Century. In consequence, this defence of the Christian Religion can be commended to the reader who wants faith explained in simple terms.

However, it would be an easy matter to criticise the book. In many places it's approach to the theme appears shallow, as if Dr. O'Brien were trying to talk down to a group of college freshmen who could not face the problems of religion. In fact, there is no exhaustive consideration of most of the questions involved in the reality of God and of Religion as man's bond with God. Argument is on one side only, where there

should be some recognition of objections. And a linguistic purist would probably insist that anyone who would use a preposition as the last word in the title of a book would not be capable of profound writing.

Having stated the objections, we can consider the values found in Dr. O'Brien's words. The work is in five sections. First the classical arguments for the existence of God are restated, together with some new scientific testimony of the same sort. The chief value of this section, however, is an account of the nature of God at the end. The second section consists of seven chapters devoted to religion as man's bond with God, which is not particularly effective. It is the third part which makes the book worth while, an explanation of the soul as God's image in man. This is a subject to which Christians do not give nearly enough thought, and Father O'Brien presents important truth with clarity and understanding. It will repay study. The section on the Bible and Science is confined to a discussion of creation and evolution, strongly defending the evolutionary hypothesis. There is much information here, though not all of it is pertinent to a Christian philosophy of life. The final part is concerned with Jesus Christ, the Founder of the Christian Religion, an exposition of the traditional Christian teaching, simple and on the whole effective. A valuable bibliography is added commending works by Protestant as well as Catholic writers.

Had "Truths Men Live By" been less highly commended, your reviewer would, doubtless, have been spared some disappointment. Those who come to it with more modest expectations will certainly be rewarded for the reading of it. There is nothing in this book to which we cannot all assent, however much it leaves unsaid. Parts 3 and 5 can be suggested to all as useful reading. The rest of the book will be helpful to those who are beginning to study the Christian Religion from a mature point of view. It is a start, and we can go on from there.

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By The Rev. J. P. Burke

You say our Diocese is twenty-five years old. What are some of the outstanding achievements of its first twenty-five years?

1. The Valle Crucis Summer School, devoted chiefly to Teacher Training and Young People's Work, was conducted in 1925, 1926, and 1927. When it was moved to Kanuga in 1928 it had an enrollment of 150, the first Carolina Dioceses cooperating. It was quite the strongest religious educational work experienced, up to that time, in the Carolinas. The starting of Camp Horner which later became Camp Patterson. The opening of a school for Rural Church Workers at Valle Crucis.

2. Two parishes, St. John's, Marion, and St. Philip's, Brevard, have been added making the total 18.

3. New church buildings have been completed at Boone, Brevard, Canton, Fletcher, and Valle Crucis. Substantial sums of money have been raised for new church buildings at Gastonia and Hendersonville.

4. New buildings have been erected at Christ School, Appalachian, and Patterson. A new rectory is being built at Morganton.

5. Financial aid received from the General Church for this Diocese has been reduced from about sixty thousand dollars to above five thousand dollars.

6. The total of all receipts of this year (1946) is more than in any year of our history.

7. The work of the Woman's Auxiliary "has grown in organization, in scope and in volume. There were on Jan. 1, 1947, forty-one branches."

8. Our Diocese had a leading part in the securing of the Kanuga Property, in the beginnings of that Institution which is of inestimable value to the whole Church.

These are just some of the obvious achievements. Spiritual things, ministrations of our Bishop and his clergy to our people, the tourists, and the large number of young people that attend camps and conferences and schools in this Diocese are the real and permanent things that cannot be estimated.

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"Secret of American Democracy"

The story is told of an English writer who in the late 90's visited America to discover to his own satisfaction the basic strength of this thriving democracy. One night the train on which he was riding was wrecked. The injured writer was carried into a neighboring farm house where he was cared for until he was able to resume his journey. The first morning when he joined the family at the farm house for breakfast, he was invited into the parlor. There he sat with other members of the household and listened to the farmer read from the Bible and lead the family in prayers. "This," he later wrote in his diary, "is the secret of American democracy."

Christian Loyalty

Secular influences have made deep and serious inroads on family life. Christian loyalty must be preserved in the family circle at all costs. This can be most effectively done when the family unites as a fellowship in mutual adoration and praise of Almighty God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Where the personal allegiance of each member of the household to Jesus Christ is an accepted fact and is expressed by all in a common fellowship within the family circle, the individual differences and preferences of its constituent members

begin and end in a common loyalty to God in Christ.

What to Do

1. *Pray together*

Begin with a few simple prayers. Use the family prayer section of the Prayer Book, special books of devotions. Pray for things in which the members of the group are particularly interested—sick friends, decisions to be made, problems to be solved.

2. *Study together*

Daily Bible readings, even if not more than one verse, discussed and listened to by the members of the family form a unifying force which individual Bible study can never do. In some families it will be possible to read a chapter or more; in others, only a verse. In addition to Bible readings, many groups have developed the practice of reading aloud contemporary books on religious subjects as well as discussing the comment in *Forward Day by Day*. A fami-

ly forum of this nature will yield much.

3. *Worship together*

There is no finer expression of the family fellowship than worshipping together in Church. Make it a habit to worship God every Sunday in His Church as a family group.



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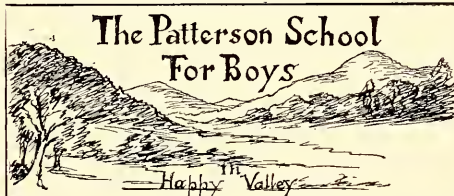
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Bishop Gribbin's Resignation

When the House of Bishops meets in November, the resignation of our diocesan, The Right Reverend Robert E. Gribbin, will be considered. At this writing there is little reason to suppose that his resignation will not be accepted. We have all known of the stubborn throat ailment that has troubled the Bishop, and despite our hopes, we know that it has not responded to treatment as long as the Bishop has had to stay in this climate. We cannot in good conscience expect the Bishop to carry the tremendous burden of his office when his health is not equal to it. But the blow of his decision to resign is nonetheless severe. We shall sorely miss our Father in God who has been our leader and counselor for the past fourteen years.

In an editorial the *Asheville Citizen* said in part in paying tribute to the Bishop, "In all his duties and in his many non-secular interests, Bishop Gribbin has been a model churchman

and citizen. His gentleness and kindness are traits which would call for emphasis in lesser men but which are an unremarkable part of his inspiring character."

There are a great number of priests and laypeople who remember the dark days of the depression when Bishop Gribbin was consecrated. They and those who have come after have seen the Bishop struggle with the problems of making a weak diocese into one that is just now on the threshold of a great opportunity for expansion. All of us in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, together with his successor who will be chosen, owe it to the Bishop to see that his work and ideals are carried forward.

The All-Inclusive Canvass

There is a growing feeling in the Church against special campaigns for funds. First, there was the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. Then came the three-year campaign for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Each year, too, there is Theological Sunday. All of these have been in addition to special parish and diocesan appeals.

In most cases it is not so much the amount of the appeal as the fact that the clergy are beginning to think that their ministry consists of the presentation of one drive after another.

This need not remain true. Between now and the middle of December, three-quarters of the parishes will conduct Every Member Canvasses. In most cases, it would be so very easy to add all special appeals to the budget of the Every Member Canvass and to secure pledges for all purposes at one time. Such a plan would not make an impossible budget. The Reconstruction and Advance Fund is over. The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in most cases would require the addition of about 3 per cent to the total parish budget. The amount raised for

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Bishop Gribbin To Resign

It has been announced through the religious and secular press that Bishop Robert E. Gribbin of Western North Carolina has presented his resignation to the Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Henry K. Sherrill. Action on this resignation cannot be taken until the meeting of the House of Bishops which will meet in Winston-Salem on Nov. 4th. The canon law of the Episcopal Church states that a bishop's resignation must have the concurrence of the House of Bishops.

Bishop Gribbin was elected to succeed the late Bishop Junius M. Horner as diocesan at a special convention held in St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton on October 17, 1933. His consecration to the episcopate took place on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, 1934, in St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem. At that time he was rector of that parish. A graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and the General Theological Seminary, he had served as assistant in several southern parishes, as chaplain overseas during World War I, and rector of St. John's Church, Wilmington, N. C., prior to becoming rector of St. Paul's Church. In 1940 he was recalled to active military duty, serving for one year as post chaplain at Fort Jackson, S. C.

A throat ailment that did not respond to treatment in mountain climate was the reason for the Bishop's decision to resign. He left for the West at the end of August in an attempt to find a more suitable climate. In a recent letter from California to the president of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, the Bishop stated that he is now able to conduct two services a Sunday without discomfort. Mrs. Gribbin is expecting to join him shortly in California and he does not expect to be back in the diocese until after the middle of November.



In his absence, the Bishop has turned the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese over to the Standing Committee. All matters that are usually referred to the bishop should be addressed to the Standing Committee through the president, the Rev. Mark Jenkins of Calvary Church, Fletcher.

THE CHURCH FIRE INSURANCE CORPORATION

This is an old friend under a new name. We have been notified that what we all have known as "The Church Properties Fire Insurance Corporation" now is carrying on its labors under the slightly less burdensome name "The Church Fire Insurance Corporation." The address is unchanged, although we might back up the patient pleas of the post office for zone numbers by reminding one and all that the correct designation in writing the Corporation is New York 5, New York.

The Every Member Canvass

By The Rev. John Tuton

Many people think of the Every Member Canvass in terms of raising a Church budget. This is almost the only purpose, as the Canvass is experienced in many parishes. The real purpose, however, it seems to me, is for a canvass to express the life of the Christian fellowship and to enrich and make secure the life of that fellowship. For the fellowship to survive in the modern world it seems important that there must be money, but when the canvass is seen only as a money making plan it is doomed to failure. It must be seen in its largest aspects if it is to achieve its deepest meaning.

PLANNING: A great deal of planning must go into any Every Member Canvass if it is to be a success. The greatest care must be exercised in selecting the chairman for the canvass and there may be times when it is wise to appoint co-chairmen. One man may have particular abilities along one line and another along equally important, but different lines. Once the chairman or co-chairmen have become convinced of the importance of the canvass the whole matter of the number of people to be engaged as captains and workers must be decided upon as well as the whole system of office controls. It is generally found that there must be several meetings of the chairman with the rector before the whole system of procedure and controls can be worked out.

Also in connection with the planning, a tentative budget must be worked out by the finance committee for presentation to the Vestry or in some instances, the tentative budget can be worked out by the Vestry where there is no financial committee. There are many different things which must be geared in together if the canvass is to work out properly.

Assume, then, that a tentative budget has been approved by the Vestry and that the chairman has met with the rector. What next?

DATE CONTROLS: A whole system must be worked out having to do with the time for each meeting; the time for the canvass itself; the time for the mailing of the publicity; the time for talks on the budget, to be given to the whole congregation, preferably by a layman. In our own parish there were 12 such date controls, in addition to the meetings previously held by the control committee. These included one meeting of all the captains and colonels with the rector and co-chairmen; one meeting in which the control committee considered people who might need special handling in the canvass (due to their being in the parish only part of the year, or due to the fact that there has been some misunderstanding); two meetings of all the workers, one of which was a dinner meeting, etc.

PUBLICITY: Publicity having to do with the Canvass should include not only those recommended by the National Church, but should include a letter from the rector emphasizing the spiritual emphasis of the canvass and some newspaper publicity, which seems to be advisable to reach the shut-ins. Canvasses by themselves mean nothing, but when they are the expression of the life of the fellowship or of the services which the minister gives, they become charged with meaning.

As part of the publicity planning, it seems right and proper that some other word should be given by the laymen of the parish to the whole congregation. There could hardly be a parish or mission in which it would be impossible to find

one layman capable of presenting some abstract of the church's work and it should be presented on Sunday morning at the regular service.

THE CAPTAINS AND WORKERS: The captains and workers should be chosen with very great care, for they will run from time to time into very delicate situations wherein they will need tact and an understanding of the whole meaning of the canvass. In some parishes it seems advisable to send the workers out two by two and this is probably even generally the best plan. In other parishes they may be sent out individually.

It doesn't seem wrong that some friendly element of competition might enter in. In Trinity there are two colonels, twenty captains, and eighty workers at the date of this writing on the canvass, and a friendly competition has been developed through the fact that the men and women are divided into divisions with the losers promising a dinner to the winners in the canvass. The winners are not determined by the amount pledged but by the number of pledges obtained on the cards assigned.

The worker should make an attempt to arrange an appointment by telephone with the individuals upon whom they are calling, and if the individuals are not to be at home on the particular day assigned for the canvass they can make the call earlier than that date so that almost a complete report can be given at a particular hour of the day of the canvass.

CONCLUSION: The canvass is a vital part in the fellowship. No techniques will achieve final results unless there is something of a real fellowship to begin with and yet the canvass can be one of the agencies whereby the fellowship becomes more real to all who participate in it and it is our belief that when the canvass is conducted with this as the chief motive the financial results will in all probability take care of themselves.

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE CANVASS

(Continued from Page 2)

Theological Sunday varies widely in different parishes but its inclusion in the budget would not represent a large sum. Then, too, this year, each parish is asked to add three per cent to its total budget to make possible a weekly Episcopal Radio Hour and the production of fine motion pictures of the Church's work. With the exception of disasters which no one can anticipate, these represent all of the special National appeals and all of them added together would not increase the parish buget more than six or seven per cent, at most. Including special diocesan and parish appeals, certainly ten per cent is a generous figure.

It might be argued that those who give could not possibly increase their pledges by this amount. This may be true although we know of very few parishes where more than a handful are giving to the Church in accordance with their means. There is, however, a way in which this matter need not be debated. Certainly, in almost every parish, there are at least ten per cent of the people who are never reached in the Every Member Canvass. If we can make the 1947 visitation a real Every Member Canvass in which every one is asked to help support the work of the Church, then the increased budget will be subscribed. This is not merely a theory. It is a fact. Georgia and Oregon already are doing it on a diocesan basis.

**RECEIVED BY THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA
FROM PARISHES AND MISSIONS January, 1, 1947 to August 1, 1947**

<i>Assessment</i>		<i>Parishes</i>	<i>Apportionment</i>	
<i>Made</i>	<i>Paid</i>		<i>Made</i>	<i>Paid</i>
\$796.07	\$397.98	Asheville, Trinity	\$2,238.95	\$1,586.33
183.49	91.75	Asheville, St. Mary's	516.07	427.73
119.27	48.00	Asheville, St. Matthias	335.43	56.35
797.47	265.84	Biltmore, All Souls'	2,242.95	918.27
122.18	36.00	Brevard, St. Philip's	343.64	105.93
67.96	-----	Flat Rock, St. John's	191.15	-----
246.62	149.00	Fletcher, Calvary	676.73	504.13
262.12	131.10	Gastonia, St. Mark's	737.22	376.87
208.93	72.00	Hendersonville, St. James'	585.64	580.52
209.93	-----	Hickory, Ascension	590.44	23.25
155.72	92.00	Lenoir, St. James'	437.98	341.70
150.40	-----	Lincolnton, St. Luke's	422.99	134.93
99.65	99.65	Marion, St. John's	280.26	181.93
369.99	269.99	Morganton, Grace	1,098.00	722.86
235.17	240.00	Rutherfordton, St. Francis'	661.42	35.10
382.55	-----	Tryon, Holy Cross	1,075.91	48.75
85.23	85.23	Waynesville, Grace	239.72	243.00
55.75	41.82	Wilkesboro, St. Paul's	156.79	117.60
		<i>Organized Missions</i>		
30.00	20.00	Arden, Christ School	79.30	30.00
16.65	16.65	Asheville, Redeemer	46.83	61.41
12.00	12.00	Asheville, St. Luke's	28.13	38.21
16.74	-----	Asheville, Trinity Chapel	47.07	4.91
10.00	-----	Bat Cave, Transfiguration	76.86	32.65
10.00	10.00	Beaver Creek, St. Mary's	19.52	19.52
10.00	-----	Bessemer City, St. Andrew's	25.48	37.00
82.41	-----	Black Mountain, St. James'	231.78	2.63
30.00	30.00	Blowing Rock, St. Mary's	56.84	63.44
22.85	-----	Boone, St. Luke's	64.26	-----
54.34	-----	Canton, St. Andrew's	152.83	10.75
6.00	-----	Cullowhee, St. David's	7.93	-----
10.00	-----	Edneyville, St. Paul's	14.80	21.00
53.43	-----	Franklin, St. Agnes'	150.28	19.81
10.00	4.00	Franklin, St. Cyprian's	15.25	10.00
10.00	10.00	Glen Alpine, St. Paul's	19.52	4.61
10.00	10.00	Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity	15.25	6.42
10.00	10.00	High Shoals, St. John's	21.19	21.19
45.88	30.00	Highlands, Incarnation	129.04	156.25
10.00	-----	Hot Springs, St. John's	14.64	-----
20.00	-----	Legerwood, Chapel of Rest	76.86	46.86
10.00	-----	Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's	18.30	-----
10.00	9.00	Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour	20.16	26.35
20.00	-----	Little Switzerland, Resurrection	30.50	-----
10.00	-----	Morganton, St. Stephen's	13.62	-----
12.00	-----	Morganton, St. Mary's	13.86	18.10
18.01	18.01	Murphy, Messiah	50.66	56.66
26.08	20.96	Rutherfordton, St. Gabriel's	73.36	8.68
10.00	10.00	Saluda, Transfiguration	81.74	81.74
64.16	64.16	Shelby, The Redeemer	186.46	87.59
10.00	-----	Sylva, St. John's	7.32	-----
10.00	10.00	Todd, St. Matthew's	7.93	7.93
38.36	37.66	Valle Crucis, Holy Cross	107.88	99.84
6.00	6.00	Cherokee, St. Francis of Assisi	10.00	26.23
		<i>Unorganized Missions</i>		
12.00	-----	Asheville, Grace	16.18	27.00
5.00	5.00	Blackstone, Mission	6.00	1.40
10.00	-----	Cashiers, Good Shepherd	10.00	-----
8.00	-----	Edneyville, St. Peter's	10.37	-----
8.00	-----	Lincolnton, St. Paul's	9.76	-----
12.00	-----	Linville, All Saints	24.40	-----
10.00	10.00	Penland, Good Shepherd	30.50	80.97
6.00	-----	Rutherfordton, Missions	8.44	-----
12.00	12.00	Upward, St. John Baptist	61.00	29.10
10.00	10.00	Tryon, Good Shepherd	10.07	10.07

DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Mary's, Asheville

St. Mary's Dart, the monthly parish paper, reports that a Teaching Mission is to be held in the parish during the week of October 19-24, Sunday through Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

A booklet, entitled "St. Mary's Church" has just been printed that sets forth the teaching of the Church, its ceremonial as it is found at St. Mary's, and much else of interest. The booklet also contains some handsome photographs of the interior and exterior of the church.

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St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton

A weekly bulletin is now being printed, setting forth the hours of service, and containing week-by-week parish news.

During the week of October 19th there will be a Preaching Mission. The rector, the Rev. Ralph K. Webster, will be the missionary, preaching a series of sermons on the Faith and Practice of the Episcopal Church.

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Trinity, Asheville

The Men's Club of Trinity Church was organized at a meeting held at the church on July 30th. Mr. Julian Woodcock presided as temporary chairman of the initial meeting that had an attendance of fifty men.

The Rev. John Tuton, rector, spoke of the needs for such an organization. Mr. Woodcock discussed the Every Member Canvass, and Mr. Robert Putnam and J. Fuller Brown were named co-chairmen of the committee for the Canvass.

Officers of the Men's Club who will

serve until an election of officers can be held are Girard Haven, president, Beekman Huger, vice-president, Dr. William Powell, secretary, and George Herndon, treasurer. These men are the officers of the former Laymen's League of Trinity.

The newly-organized group will gather at the church for a supper meeting the fourth Wednesday in each month.

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All Souls', Biltmore

A parish festival was held on Thursday, August 21, from 4 to 8 p. m. It was for the benefit of The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and for the local chapter, the All Souls Community Committee for World Relief. In this way, \$450.00 was contributed to the Episcopal Church World Relief program. The festival was under the direction of the Woman's Auxiliary branch of the parish.

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Holy Trinity, Glendale Springs

Mrs. Eloise McKinsey, for the past two years the mission worker at Holy Trinity, has resigned her work there. She will start further academic training at one of the church training schools in the near future. THE HIGHLAND CHURMAN has been unable to ascertain whether this work will be at Windham House in New York or in the Woman's Division of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Mrs. McKinsey started her work at Glendale Springs on St. Barnabas Day, 1945, and has done splendid work there, particularly among the young people. She has also been quite active in diocesan-wide affairs of the Woman's Auxiliary.



Church Consecrated At Bat Cave

In a strikingly beautiful service, the Church of the Transfiguration, Bat Cave, was consecrated by the Right Reverend Paul Matthews, retired bishop of New Jersey, on Sunday, September 28th. Bishop Matthews was acting as the episcopal deputy for Bishop Gribbin who was absent from the diocese.

The procession of ten visiting priests, torch bearers, thurifer, crucifer, Father Saylor, Bishop Colemore of Puerto Rico and Bishop Matthews formed in the parish house and went to the front door of the Church. There Bishop Matthews rapped on the door with his pastoral staff and asked permission to enter. On being admitted, the procession went through the Church saying Psalm 24. The authorization from the Standing Committee for consecration was read by Father Saylor who also presented the Instruments of Donation to the Bishop.

Bishop Matthews, vested in cope and mitre and attended by torchbearers, thurifer and Fr. Saylor, then made processions to the various parts of the Church for the blessings of the font, choir space, altar and nave. Then the sentence of consecration was read by Dr. James M. Washburn. Dr. Washburn then spoke briefly on the work of rebuilding, voicing the gratitude of the

congregation for Fr. Saylor's devotion and technical skill. Greetings were also brought by the Rev. C. B. Vance, pastor of the Baptist church in Bat Cave.

The preacher at the service was the Rev. Mark Jenkins who took at his text Nehemiah 13:14. He reminded the congregation that the consecration of the Church was only the beginning of their real task. The Church building, with all its beauty and all the effort that went into its construction, was only a place where the people were to set up house-keeping, keeping house to the glory of God.

Sees Need For Evangelism In Rural United States

Prof. William V. Dennis of Pennsylvania State College, recently completed a survey of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton. He stressed the need for evangelism all through the Episcopal Church, but with particular emphasis on rural areas. His survey revealed that in the Diocese of Easton the population is 195,000, of whom 145,000 are totally unchurched. The diocese covers 3,384 square miles.

Woman's Auxiliary News

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

From the reports coming in many of the Auxiliaries have been most active during the summer months. All Souls, at Biltmore, held a Bazaar in August to raise funds for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Church of the Redemer, Asheville, and Trinity Chapel, Haw Creek, also had most successful Bazaars, raising money for their building funds, the former to build living quarters for the priest-in-charge, and the latter to complete the Parish Hall. Both of these churches will receive help toward their buildings from the Advance Work Offering this fall.

St. Luke's, Chunn's Cove, Asheville, is the newest branch in the Diocese, having organized in June. They meet on Tuesday evening of each week, and have sponsored church suppers and carnivals throughout the summer. A hearty welcome to such an enthusiastic group!

Mrs. Alfred Chapman, Chairman of the National Board of the Woman's Auxiliary, spoke at a luncheon meeting of Trinity Auxiliary in Asheville. Auxiliary members from five branches were present.

Miss Lucy Fletcher spoke to a young women's group in Brevard in July, and at the Convocation of Asheville in late August.

Mrs. Eloise McKinsey, who is chairman of Work among Isolated Women, will be at Valle Crucis this year. She will try to contact all isolated women and organize them into an Auxiliary branch by mail.

Mrs. Mark Jenkins, of Fletcher, was guest speaker at All Souls and at Brevard during the summer.

Mrs. Cecil Hoskins, Devotional Chairman of the Diocese, spoke to the Auxiliary at Edneyville in August.

Delegates are making plans to attend the Twenty-First Synod which is to be held in Atlanta October 14-16.

Many of the Auxiliary members have had no opportunity to read or hear the resolutions adopted at Annual Meeting as the goal for this coming year. They are printed below for your prayerful attention and enthusiastic support:

Be it recommended:

1. That each branch form a prayer group to pray regularly and specifically for the most pressing needs of parish, community, diocese, nation and world. (Especially for our own Diocese during the next few months.)

2. That each branch try to have at least four corporate communions each year, two to be at the time of the presentation of the U.T.O.

3. That each branch be asked to use an Installation Service, preferably at a regular Sunday service, for installing their newly elected officers at the beginning of the year, and that a special service be included in the Year Book.

4. That each member assume the personal responsibility of contacting women of the Church who are not active in the work of the Auxiliary, to try to interest them and bring them into the work.

5. That a chart of achievement be made and kept by each branch, based on the above recommendations, so that each branch may check itself on these points.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

On this page and on page 7, reference is made to the whereabouts of Mrs. Eloise McKinsey. The Editor regretfully announces that she is now in Philadelphia, 209 St. Mark's St.

Youth News

By Ann Shuford

Asheville

The Trinity Y.P.S.L. met September 7 to elect officers. Andy Weaver was elected president, Carline Speir, vice-president; Peggy Jones, secretary; Laura Chapman, treasurer; Merelene Johnson, worship committee; Betty Elias, service committee; Sidney Shuford, and Jane Kennedy, Membership; and Polly McDuffie, proram committee. With these new officers, and with some advisors to be chosen later, the group hopes to build up attendance and begin work on new projects.

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Morganton

After a summer of inactivity the youth group of Grace Church resumed their meetings September 7. To initiate their winter activities, they gave a party for those young people who are leaving Morganton and going away to school.

They were gracious hosts to the Youth Convention held October 3 and 4 in their parish. A special group of the host parish along with the President, Helen Thomas; Vice-President, Ann Shuford; Sidney Shuford of Asheville, Mary Turner of Hendersonville, Rev. Mark Jenkins, Chairman of Youth Commission met in Morganton, September 10, and worked out the interesting program enjoyed and profited by all the delegates to this Convention. More news of the plans laid here will be forthcoming.

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Fletcher

As one of their many summer activities the Young Churchman's Club of Calvary sponsored two public square dances. The young people ran a refreshment stand selling coca-colas and donuts. The dances were called by Rod

Miller, president of the club. Over seventy dollars was cleared and an electric fan for the church chancel was bought with part of this money.

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Kanuga

The Provincial Youth Convention was held at Kanuga Lake July 27 to August 2nd. It was a week packed full of fun, business, and worship. Sidney Shuford of Asheville was elected as Provincial Youth Commission member from the Diocese of Western North Carolina. He replaces Helen Thomas whose term expired this year. Those attending from this Diocese were Sidney Shuford, Ann Shuford, Helen Thomas and Rev. Mark Jenkins, Chairman of Youth Commission of the Diocese. The convention was honored to have as its guest speakers Dr. Marshall from the University of the South, Sewanee, and Mr. Fisb from 281, New York.

Officers for the coming year were elected. Dan Plunket, Diocese of Atlanta, President; Jack Wright, Diocese of Alabama, Vice-President; Edith Winslow, Diocese of North Carolina, secretary, and Pat Sinette, Diocese of Lexington, treasurer. The members of the Executive Council elected were The Rev. John Womack and Mary Harpor of South Carolina.

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Hendersonville

The youth group of St. James was host to an interdenominational meeting Sept. 7th with about fifty young people attending. The first Sunday of every month is set aside for this purpose and each meeting is at a different church. The meeting at St. James was to initiate the new officers. The guest speaker was Mrs. F. E. Pierson, noted artist from Miami, Florida.

Standing Committee To Meet

The Standing Committee of the diocese will meet at St. Francis' Church, Rutherfordton, on November 11th. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to consider the course of action necessary for the election of a successor to Bishop Gribbin. Such an election will be necessary if the House of Bishops at its meeting accepts Bishop Gribbin's resignation.

If the Standing Committee should find that an election is necessary, and it is decided that a special convention is to be called for that purpose, it will be necessary to give a sixty days notice of such special convention. It is not expected that a special convention could take place until January 1948 at the earliest. If a convention is to be held, it is expected that the Standing Committee will appoint a nominating committee that will bring in names of those who would be considered for election. This committee would have only power to make recommendations, and further nominations can be made from the floor.

Article 6 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Western North Carolina states concerning an election to the episcopate:

"The election of a Bishop shall be made in an Annual Convention, or in a special convention called for that purpose, at least sixty days before the time appointed, the object being stated by notice in writing and sent to every Clergyman and Vestry and Mission Committee of the Diocese.

The election shall be by orders, and a concurrence of a majority of both orders present and voting shall be necessary to determine the choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote and lay delegates from two-thirds of all the parishes and congregations entitled to representation be present; otherwise, two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to a choice."

Regional Church Congress To Meet October 21st

The Regional Church Congress, which embraces the five Carolina Dioceses, will meet in the Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte, on October 21st. This Carolina Church Congress was born in the Convocation of Asheville. The meeting last Fall was held in the Church of the Advent, Spartanburg.

The Charlotte Meeting will be a dinner meeting. The dinner will be provided by the Ladies of the Church of the Holy Comforter, the Rev. Ivenson B. Noland, rector. The supper will be served at 6 P. M.

After supper, two papers will be given as follows:

1. What is Christianity? By The Rev. C. R. Haden, Jr., rector of St. Philip's Church, Durham, N. C.
2. Personal Evangelism—A Church Congress paper written by the Rev. Samuel Shoemaker, rector of Calvary Church, N. Y. This paper will be read by the Rev. John W. Tuton, rector of Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C.

Discussion will follow each paper.

Rev. James P. Burke of Hendersonville is President of the Congress and the Rev. Charles G. Leavell of Morganton is Secretary.

Those desiring to attend the Congress meeting should write either to the Secretary or to the Rev. Ivenson B. Noland. Both men and women of the Carolinas are invited to attend.

"Away with our Episcopal complacency. GO TELL!"

Bishop John B. Bentley of Alaska has accepted his election as vice-president of the National Council. He will take office January 1, 1948, and will also be Director of the Overseas Department.

Book Review

By The Rev. J. M. W. Rhys

The Monastic Life, a review of "Religious Communities in the Episcopal Church and in the Anglican Church in

Canada", compiled by the Poor Clares of Repaartion and Adoration and published by the Holy Cross Press in connection with the 1945 centennial observance of the revival of the monastic life in the Anglican Communion.

This book should be required reading for every communicant of the Church. And the reason is that none of us should be ignorant of any important phase of the Church's life. The Religious Orders, both for men and women, exert an influence far beyond their numbers, and their influence has been entirely for the good of the whole Church. The Presiding Bishop at the time of the centennial observance of the revival of the religious life gave his blessing to the celebration, and contributed a foreword to the book. But it is not enough for us to know that such Orders do exist, and to say we approve of their work. We must also know who they are and what they do, in order that we may be able to do our duty in supporting their undertakings, and that those of us whom God calls to serve Him with this com-

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plete dedication of ourselves may be able to choose intelligently which of the Communities will offer us the greatest scope for our efforts to obey our Lord.

The first section of this summary sets out to explain the Religious Life. The Gospel's authorisation for this life is recorded, together with an explanation of how the ideal has been put into practice in the ACTIVE life of works of mercy, the CONTEMPLATIVE life concentrating wholly upon the worship of God, and the MIXED life which combines both ideals without concentrating exclusively upon either. There follows a consideration of the qualifications for the Religious Life, with advice to those who feel themselves attracted to it. We have a summary of what most Communities have in common in their way of life, and a brief history of monasticism, especially as it concerns our own Communion. Then comes an account of the value this life has had for the Church, together with the Canon passed by the General Convention of the Church in this country in 1913, relating to Religious Communities.

Part II consists of statements contributed by the authorities of each Community in the United States and in Canada, outlining the Rule of each, what they do, and where they work. For men there are three active Communities, one contemplative, and five professing the mixed life. For women there are four active Communities, one contemplative, and ten mixed. Mission work is maintained in Liberia, China, and the Philippine Islands. In all some eighty-three houses are maintained for religious work in the United States and Canada and foreign Missionary Districts under the jurisdiction of the Church in the two countries. Some of the Orders have ties with those in England and other parts of the Anglican Communion. To the book there is appended a glossary of technical terms used in Religious Communities.

The factual information given is excellent, though there have been a few

new developments in the past two years. But the book has one defect. If one has no interest in the Religious Orders, the presentation of the life is not calculated to stimulate it. There is no real effort made to depict the real satisfactions of life in such a Community. For that we must turn to other materials. But because of their part in advancing the work of our Church, the defect may be pardoned. Of special interest to local readers in the one Contemplative Community for men, the Order of the Good Shepherd, founded some four years ago by Father Peeples at Marion, N. C., while he was Rector of that Parish.

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Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

Should we take our children to the Church services?

Years ago, Dr. McGregor, who was for many years our National Director of Christian Education, wrote the following paragraphs which I consider a good answer to this question:

"I want to plead for a religious education that will make its very first step the restoration of the worship of the Church to the children of the Church. You have exiled the children of the Church from their Father's House to learn lessons about God instead of bringing them face to face with God in His holy sanctuary. You have given them lessons about the Church, its history, its doctrine and its symbols and you have excluded them from the rich, warm fellowship of the Family to which they belong.

"'But,' many will reply to me, 'the children will not understand the services and the sermons.' To these my answer is three-fold. First, they will understand far more than you think. And understanding is not the primary factor in worship anyway. Worship includes feeling and will. And children are not deficient in these abilities. Second, worship is the Church's best

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educator. We all learn far more from the hymns we sing and the prayers we say than from all the lessons we ever taught or from all the sermons we ever heard. Third, if the services and the sermons are not understood by the children we had better change them for they are probably not understood by the adults either."

I do not agree fully with Dr. McGregor's third point, but I do feel that the Church's services, properly rendered, provide a type of discipline, dignity, awe, and reverence that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. One reason we learn more from hymns and prayers than we do from lessons and sermons is, we sing and say them over and over again. Then too, they are more directly addressed to God.

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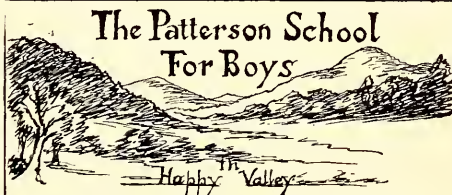
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Salaries and Stipends

This is an editorial which we wish some layman might have felt impelled to write. We wish so because it deals with the matter of clergy salaries and missionary stipends lay and clerical. It will always look like special pleading as long as the clergy themselves have to write editorials dealing with money matters.

Elsewhere in this issue a news article reveals the findings of the Church Pension Fund relative to clergy salaries. According to this report, about one half of the clergy have stipends including rectory allowances, of less than \$3,000. This report strikes very close home, for Western North Carolina's clergy are almost all included in this lower bracket. The 1947 Journal lists only four parishes out of 18 parishes and aided parishes that pay in excess of \$3,000. We will draw the decent mantle of charity over the amounts paid by mission churches, saying only that all mission priests in the Diocese are included in the lower one half of the Pension Fund figures.

Because the Church Pension Fund does not concern itself with stipends paid to lay workers, there were no figures published that would give the salary ratings of these highly important servants of the King who are rendering Him service in the many mission stations of our Diocese. Without exception they are all underpaid, and like the clergy, the Church is able to hold them because of their devotion to their work rather than for the material rewards extended. The Pension Fund was kind enough to say, "Their concern is a spiritual one—to serve the Church. To them the material return is secondary, even incidental." This most certainly applies to our lay workers as well as our priests.

Right now is the time to lay this whole matter seriously to heart. Every vestry, every mission committee, indeed every congregation and individual churchman should study the report that is contained in this issue. The Every Member Canvass should stress the fact that we cannot hope to continue to pay salaries that do not meet the needs of inflationary times and keep these men and women. For devotion and consecration *will* break down in the face of dire want and debt. Unless our parishes and missions face this problem realistically, there may be a lot of congregations which will soon be hearing, "I am called to a field of wider service and it is a challenge which I cannot ignore." And *that*, all too often, is just a nice way of saying "I can't live on what you are paying."

The "W A"

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN is again well pleased to be able to devote the larger portion of the November issue to the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary. No editorial praise is equal to the record the Auxiliary makes for itself both in its branches and on a diocesan-wide basis. The zeal and consecration of our churchwomen speaks through the articles that are written and their effectiveness is clear to those who will read of the many activities that are being carried forward.

Clergy Salaries

The average salary of the 5000 clergy in the Episcopal Church is \$3,450, according to figures published last month by the Church Pension Fund in its bulletin "Protection Point." This figure includes an amount for rectory allowance. The cash stipend averages slightly over \$3,000. Most of the men are married, some have large families. About one-half of the clergy have stipends, including rectory allowances, of less than \$3,000.

Factory Workers Get More

In contrast with these figures the report shows that railroad engineers draw an average of \$5,400 a year, conductors \$4,900. Skilled factory workers are in a \$3,000 to \$3,500 range and good bookkeepers are paid \$2,600 to \$3,100.

The Church Pension Fund report points out that clergymen have invested a considerable sum in preparation of their life-work. They are college trained and have spent at least three years in a seminary. They are expected to be and are leaders in their communities and, far more important, are the spearhead of true progress in civilization.

"Most clergymen are under-compensated," says the bulletin. "The reason is clear. Their concern is a spiritual one—to serve the Church. To them the material return is secondary, even incidental."

Clergy pensions are related to salary and the trustees of the Church Pension Fund, as they grant pensions, have been constantly struck with the low level of so many clergy salaries.

A Guide for Vestries

"Since the Fund has the detailed record of salaries it is felt that this analysis of them will supply a needed yardstick to vestries and others who have the responsibility of arranging for clergy compensation," the report explains.

The nine charts included in the report show that the average salary of the active clergy in 1919 was only \$1,900. During the next 12 years it rose steadily to \$3,100. During the depression it dropped to \$2,650.

Other charts show that married clergymen average \$800 more than unmarried clergymen. The largest single salary range is under \$3,000, including housing allowance and the second largest is from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Some 620 clergymen are within the \$3,000-\$3,500 range, a slightly larger group receive between \$3,500 and \$4,000 and 400 receive salaries between \$3,500 and \$5,000.

Overseas Relief

Our Diocesan Convention, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Young Churchmen all have endorsed more active participation in sending old clothes to people overseas who are in need. Bundles are being packed here and there in the Diocese. Have YOU searched your closets and trunks for clothing to send? Winter is coming. Step outside your warm home—feel that chill wind? Read St. Luke 3:11.

Why Pledge?

By Presbyterian Morgantonensis

Why should I make a pledge to my parish and for the missionary work of the Church? For a great many reasons, some good, and some not so good. Of course the parish or mission of which you are a member has to make up its budget for the year on the basis of what it learns from your pledge, and that of other members. These pledges, added together, tell what the Diocese may expect for its missionary work from your congregation, and it makes out its expenses for the coming year on the basis of what it learns it may count on from the 18 parishes and 45 missions within the Diocese. The National Church makes her plans for the mission fields on the basis of what it learns it can expect from her 74 Dioceses and 28 Missionary Districts. If I don't pledge I weaken the whole work of the Church, both at home and abroad, to a limited but very real extent. Possibly what I might give would mean the difference in sending or not sending a clergyman, a teacher, a woman worker, or a doctor into China or the Philippines. Or it might mean a clergyman or no clergyman to carry on the ministry of the Church in one (and if one then usually several others as well) of the forty-five missions in Western North Carolina.

But most likely, if you do not pledge, others will, the work will drag on in all these places instead of going ahead with the forward push that you and the knowledge of your support would have given to it.

Then there is the necessity of living with yourself. You are a Baptized Christian and therefore a member of the Missionary Society. Yet you are willing for other people to do your work for you. Your Lord has told you to bear your witness to all the world. You don't care enough to take Him seriously. You apparently are quite willing that others carry on your fight against atheism, against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Others will do it; they'll pay your rector's salary, your church's coal and light bill, and even give a little for missions, but they'll wonder why their Christ doesn't mean as much to you as He does to them. Both they and your God will rather question your sincerity when you come to worship, and you'll begin to question it yourself. It's easy then to try to forget this God Who questions you, to try to escape Him and His Church, and it's hard to face up to your real sorry self. You'll probably show up for services at Christmas and Easter and kid yourself you are doing your full part by placing something in the alms basin then. But the people begin to greet you a bit too cordially when you come so seldom, and you recognize the fact that you're not really one of them. So you just begin to stay away from the Church entirely. The Sacraments come therefore to mean little or nothing to you as you starve out your weakening soul.

The only alternative to at least some of this tragedy in your own case is to make a pledge both for your local congregation and the Diocesan and world-wide mission of the Church this fall when the Every-Member-Convass is held. Giving is one of the great Christian privileges and duties. The amount is not important at all so long as it is given to the point of sacrifice, on the basis of a prayerful consideration of what percentage God really wants you to give out of your yearly income. What such giving does for you and your eternal soul as you share your Christ with a world that needs Him is the all-important thing.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

DIOCESAN PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The theme of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary for the year is "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me". We can well say, "But isn't that always the purpose of the Auxiliary?" Yes. It certainly should be. Every meeting, every act of the Woman's Auxiliary should be witnessing to an eager world of our membership in Christ and His Church, but all of us frequently forget this. In our efforts to raise money, in all our busyness, we forget that all our work is of value only if it is to extend the kingdom of God.

As we approach the end of another year let us pause long enough to take stock of our Auxiliaries, our plans and our work, to be sure, as we begin a new year that our planning will be with the consciousness that it is to further God's Kingdom.

We have a task of Evangelism. First to deepen our own devotion to our Lord through prayer and worship, and through understanding our faith through reading and study. Second we need to study the needs for evangelism, and the methods for accomplishing it. Then when we as women of the Church realize our precious heritage in Christ, and feel the need of the world about us, we must with a definite program reach out to those women in our communities, in our nation and the world, to share with them what we have found.

Our annual meeting in June called on us to increase the devotional life of our groups through prayer groups, corporate communions, and installation services for officers. It also recommended that a definite plan be made to contact every woman in every parish and mission.

May we go forth during the year with a determined effort to bring more persons to a knowledge of the saving grace of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Lucy T. Fletcher.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Ye Shall be Witnesses". Our theme for the coming year is embodied in four words which are at once an inspiration and a command, a duty and a pleasure, a privilege and a necessity. We must be witnesses of God's great love and mercy, if we are to do anything about the sick sorrowing world in which we live and for which we have such deep concern. It is our responsibility, the responsibility of each individual and each group who has been privileged to know God's greatness, to witness to that knowledge in our daily living, by daily prayer and communion with Him, by listening to His wishes for us, His orders for us, and by going forth and doing the very best we can to make Him really known to all who come in contact with us. It is not necessary to go around preaching, or doing anything which we would feel embarrassed over, but merely (and it really is a big order!) by loving God so much that we "show forth" His love by loving all people.

YE SHALL BE WITNESSES is the title of a descriptive list of materials for adult study groups on timely subjects recommended by the National Council. The Secretary of Christian Education in the Woman's Auxiliary stands ready at all times to help any person or group in planning programs for study. It is hoped that the Diocesan Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary will be used more and more by the Branches in their work.

Anne H. K. Jenkins.

PROVINCIAL MEETING

At the time of the meeting of the Synod of the Province of Sewanee in Atlanta, October 14-16, the Provincial Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held. Our Province includes fifteen dioceses in nine southern states. Lovely St. Luke's Church was host to the meetings. The Synod and Auxiliary Meeting opened Tuesday night with an im-

pressive service, at which Bishop Caruthers of South Carolina was the preacher. Corporate Communion was celebrated at All Saints' Church on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, after which breakfast was served to all delegates in the parish house of All Saints' Church.

Perhaps the outstanding speaker of the meeting was young Mr. Zabriskie of Virginia, who spoke on the World Conference of Christian Youth in Oslo, Norway, in August. Other speakers were: Bishop J. E. Hines, Coadjutor of Texas; Mr. Robert Fletcher, missionary to the deaf of the Province; and our own Mr. Rufus Morgan, who spoke on the work at Cherokee.

Mrs. John A. Morson of Mississippi was elected president of the Auxiliary in the Province, to take office in 1948.

Perhaps the most helpful part of the program were three workshops held on Devotional Life in the Parish; Personnel, recruiting women for church work; and Leadership Training. Women from our diocese were in each of these sections.

Wednesday night the Provincial Banquet was held at which Mr. Robert Cook of the National Council Department of Promotion spoke on "Radio and the Church".

Women who represented our diocese were your president, Miss Fletcher; Mrs. Wiese, United Thank Offering Treasurer; Mrs. Alice Maxwell, Director of the Fifth District; Mrs. Cecil Hoskins, Devotional Chariman; and Mrs. T. O. Wright, Director of the First District. Mrs. Maxwell served on the Courtesy committee.

The Synod and Provincial Meeting give information and inspiration, as well as increasing our fellowship and sense of oneness in our work for Our Lord.

A LETTER FROM OUR SUPPLY SECRETARY, MRS. ROGER WINBORNE

Dear Auxiliary Members:

You have already received your allotments for the Advent boxes. This year the Mission lists are a great deal larger than usual. We also have an increase

from \$60.00 to \$100.00 for the Discretionary Fund of the National Supply Secretary on behalf of Missions overseas, and to meet special emergencies at home. Our Christmas check to retired missionaries and the widows of missionaries will be \$45.00. There will also be a check of \$20.00 sent to Miss Wagner at St. Paul's Mission, Amherst, Virginia, with which to purchase dispensary and medical supplies for the mission. We are all especially interested in this as our Supply boxes are to be sent there.

To quote Miss Stabler, our National Supply Secretary: "It is going to take a great deal of enthusiastic interest among our women to enable us to provide for the great needs which have been made known to me." The Woman's Auxiliary of our Diocese has always been most generous in filling their supply boxes. I trust each branch will fill its EXTRA QUOTA this year with a feeling of thankfulness for the abundance with which they have been blessed, and a willingness to give to those less fortunate.

Sincerely Yours,
Mrs. Roger Winborne.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEVOTIONAL CHAIRMAN, MRS. CECIL HOSKINS

Devotions have always held a place of utmost importance in our Auxiliary. In the years ahead let us give more time and thought to our devotions.

There is no end to what church women can accomplish with God's love and guidance gained through prayer and the strength and inspiration received from the Holy Communion.

This year it is hoped each branch will form Prayer Groups to meet once a month to pray for some pressing need. In addition to the Prayer Group, have a corporate communion once each month. When these two wonderful meetings with God are realized it will be a great day for our Diocese, and a great step forward toward building a more Christian world. May each member of the Auxiliary feel her responsibility and do her share to make this a reality.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. George W. Fletcher, Chairman

As chairman of Christian Social Relations, I feel that there is a great need for this type of work to be carried on extensively through the Church.

The Woman's Auxiliary is one branch of the Church which should give Christian Social Relations serious thought, and exert much effort to reach people who are underprivileged. By underprivileged I mean those people who are ill, or are lacking in means or opportunity, or too old to reach the Church, or those who are not blessed with the spiritual need of coming in contact with the church or church people.

I sincerely hope that the women of the Auxiliary will be inspired to put forth every effort to make this a successful year in bringing the church closer to those who are less fortunate than they.

The following letter from Sister Hetherington tells of one Auxiliary of less than a dozen active members:

"Through the efforts of members of the Auxiliary cooperating with other persons in the community, and strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit we have organized and started the development of the Cub Scout, Brownie Scout, and Senior Girl Scout programs in Murphy, and have continued active work with both white and colored intermediate girl scouts.

During the summer months we held swimming classes for more than sixty children from this community and from Hiwassee Dam.

We were also privileged to assist with the religious instruction of some two hundred boys and girls at a non-denominational Bible Conference for rural children.

We have started and continued the supervision of a Sunday School for the

Negro children of the Will Scott Mountain community in Murphy.

We co-operated with the Valle Crucis Training School and other local people in conducting two inter-denominational Vacation Bible Schools, one for white and one for colored, and have taken part in regular weekly inter-denominational Bible Study classes.

We hope by God's help to become clearer and more effective channels for His Grace, and we glory in any part we may have in the coming of His Kingdom."

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering of the women of our Church gives us a wonderful and inspirational way of showing our thankfulness to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us. To make daily use of our Blue Boxes, saying a prayer as we drop in a coin, brings us into closer fellowship with our Lord and deepens our spiritual lives. It not only helps those who give but also makes possible the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Women workers are sent to domestic and foreign mission fields; Churches, hospitals, and other buildings are constructed; and supplies and needed equipment are sent to missionaries for their use. Our gifts which God blesses gives us a personal interest in our Church and its work of which we can consider ourselves a part.

Mrs. George Weise,
Treasurer, U. T. O.

Here's what the Auxiliary of Murphy, with eight active members is doing: Entertained all new teachers of the schools at a picnic supper; started and continues a parish supper one night a month; sent three bundles of clothing to the Church World Service center; furnishes two Den Mothers for Cub Scout Dens, and attends to all routine Auxiliary work.

Missions and Church Extension

October 10, 1947

Dear Branch President:

Fall is here again and I trust it finds us all with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the work of the Church, God's work, throughout the world. Our theme this year is "Ye shall be witnesses." Beginning with our own homes and parishes, on into the wide field of the whole earth, we shall witness to our faith in the life of Christ by our own lives.

With this world being even sicker this year than last, we feel convinced as never before that the one certain cure for all its ills is in the principles of Christianity, and it is squarely up to us as Christians to put these principles into practice.

Let us inform ourselves about the work of the Church; what it is doing in different lands, and how we can help to make that work more effective. Let me suggest, by way of stimulating interest in Missions, that you have a luncheon or supper meeting. Have the members bring sandwiches, the hostess serve something to drink. Designate two or three members to give sketches (*not* written) of the work in some of our Mission fields, either at home or abroad. It would be even better if you could get a church worker or returned missionary to speak to you. The response to our call for contributions to the Missions in our Diocese has been gratifying, many parishes and some missions, themselves, contributing material and money. There is still time for more.

I am enclosing extracts from two letters of our farthest north missionary in Alaska, the Rev. William Gordon, which I believe you will find interesting.

Word has come that Western North Carolina was among the first of the dioceses to over-subscribe its quota to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World

Relief. Let us equal that fine record in the coming year.

Mr. Fisher, our missionary to the deaf, writes interestingly of his work in the Province. He was very gratified and was enabled to do a great deal of good with the \$199 given him for his discretionary fund. His urgent need, however, is for a car to get about to his different missions and isolated people. Mr. Morgan reports a very successful summer at Valle Crucis at the Training School for Church Workers, and tells of the Bible Schools and Missions conducted by these workers.

They have not yet started work on the church for the Indians at Cherokee. The estimates received have all been double the \$20,000 given from the United Thank Offering. So for the present they must wait; wait for prices to go down or for more gifts or modification of the plans, if necessary.

After reading this I am sure you will realize there is plenty of work for us women of the Auxiliary to do, and no time at all for stalling or idling. But work done for the Master is more satisfying and rewarding than all else.

So let me close by wishing you all the best year of your life in the Auxiliary.

Sincerely,

Isabel B. Patton,
Chairman of Missions
and Church Ext.

Bat Cave women have been busy all summer and fall making dressings for the Valley Clinic, and are studying for the year "Exploring the Prayer Book and Hymnal".

The Rutherfordton chapter has been busy as bees raising money by means of a rummage sale, supper on the lawn of the rectory, and a bazaar.

Trinity, Asheville, gave two benefit parties during the summer, in the form of Dessert Bridge parties. They raised money for the Coffee Hour which is held after the eleven o'clock service each Sunday, and to buy a mimeograph machine for the Church office. They sent large amounts of clothing overseas, and are now at work on their annual bazaar.

The Auxiliary at Hickory seems to be humming with activity under the leadership of the new rector, the Rev. Robert Campbell. Several new members have joined the branch, helping with the jobs of redecorating the rectory, and raising money to get the church organ in condition. A reception was held in September introducing the new rector and his wife to the town.

A nursery has been started, with members of the Y.P.S.L. assisting with the children during the church service.

Grace Church-in-the-Mountains sponsored their Annual Musicale in August, having local and visiting artists on the program.

The women of All Souls' Parish meet the first Monday afternoon of every month. They make layettes for the Welfare Department, and have speakers for their Tea Hour meeting. In August they had a church festival in co-operation with the Overseas committee, raising \$940, besides all the wonderful clothing brought by the people attending.

Packing a dozen boxes of clothes and gifts for needy children in Europe is keeping the women of St. Philip's, Brevard, busy. They are also studying, in collaboration with all the other churches in Brevard "People of the United Nations".

The Chapter at Saluda has been busy all summer earning money to pay for many repairs to their church, and sending boxes to Germany. They are excited now over plans to start a Community Center in a building owned by the church.

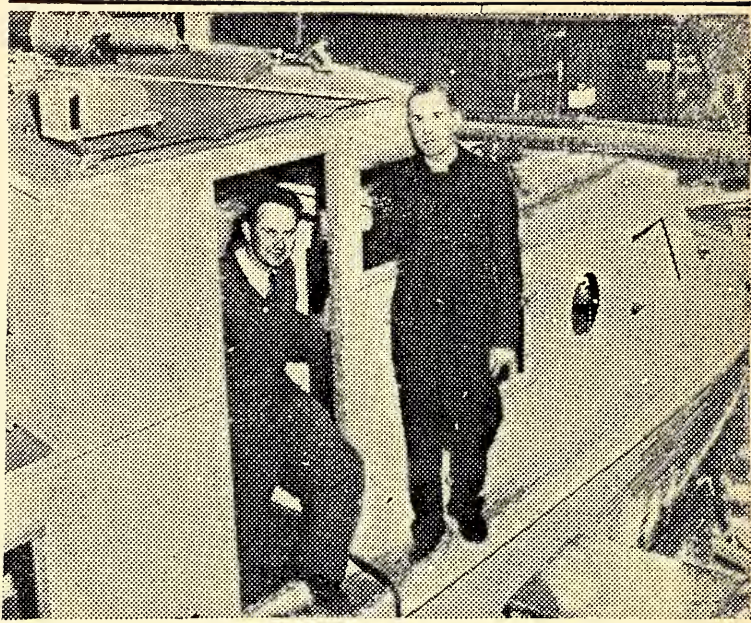
There's nothing lazy or indifferent about the women at Calvary Church, Fletcher. During August they served a church supper to the public, making over three hundred dollars. An interesting venture underway there now, is based on the parable of the talents. Each member of the church family has been given two envelopes. Envelope No. 1, containing five dollars from the church treasury, is marked with the name of the recipient, and is to be invested in any activity that will make it grow ten-fold toward a new parish house. This increase is to be put in envelope No. 2, and returned to the church.

The branch at Tryon has sent boxes of clothing overseas, and is busy sewing for St. Luke's Hospital at Tryon.

St. Cyprians' has been studying "Ways and Teachings of the Church" at their regular meetings. They have a most active group of young people who are helping with many of the regular parish responsibilities.

It's amazing what interested women can find to do to help! At St. Paul's, Edneyville, the women have been canning apple sauce for the Thompson Orphanage, and are buying 100 Prayer Books for the church.

An interesting activity of the Grace Church, Asheville, group is the getting together of the Communion Service for the new chapel at the Indian Reservation. To date they have the chalice and paten, the wafer box, and a silver bowl which belonged to Miss Kimberly. They plan on having a leather case made for the complete service, so that Mr. Morgan can carry the service with him. They give books and magazines to the Bookmobile in Asheville, and have assisted materially toward the Trinity Church rectory. This group has only seven members!



Bishop John B. Bentley, Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal District of Alaska, inspects the "Godspeed," built at Seattle under supervision of Norman Blanchard, Jr., (left). The 35-foot craft is designed for river and shallow water navigation, and will be used to carry spiritual ministry to thousands of Indians and whites who live along the waterways beyond the Arctic Circle. The Bishop has spent 27 years in Alaska, and on January 1, 1948, will become vice-president of the Episcopal National Council and Director of its Overseas Department, at Church headquarters in New York City.

RESOLUTION ON RESIGNATION OF BISHOP GRIBBIN

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary is advised of the tendered resignation of our beloved Bishop, the Right Reverend Robert Emmet Gribbin, D. D., NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary for itself and on behalf of all of the Women of the Church in Western North Carolina, hereby expresses its profound regret that our Bishop finds it necessary, due to the condition of his health, to retire as Bishop, and our deep gratitude to almighty

God for the high privilege of having had the inspired leadership of this true Christian Man and

RESOLVED further, that we extend to the Bishop and Mrs. Gribbin our love and hope for a life of continuing service and happiness.

Adopted this 25th day of September, 1947.

Lucy T. Fletcher, President
Jessie Huff, Secretary

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Western North Carolina of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A.

Youth News

By Helen Thomas

The All Youth Convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met at Grace Church, Morganton, October 3, 4, with 115 attending the opening banquet and exercises. The group was welcomed to Morganton by Miss Mary Aston Leavell, President of the local group, and a response was made by Miss Helen Thomas, President of the Diocesan Youth. Following roll call by Miss Betsy Barber, Diocesan Secretary, Miss Thomas introduced Mr. Gus Travis, humorist and writer for the Charlotte Observer, who spoke on his experiences in the newspaper business. The young people of Grace Church presented a number of skits while the room was being cleared for dancing and also for the movie of Patterson School, which was shown later in the evening. The Rev. Boston Lackey, Jr., held a short preparation service in the church.

On Saturday morning, October 4, the entire conference attended the Holy Communion service and the breakfast which followed. The committees which had been appointed by the president met after breakfast to get their work done. The committees and their chairmen are as follows: Resolution, Andy Weaver; Courtesy, Ann Waldrop; Nominating, Francie Lyman.

The business session was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the president, Helen Thomas. Reports were given by each group present on the work they have done this year. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Young Churchmen were ratified. A number of changes were made.

The committees were called on to make their report. The following are the resolutions that were passed:

Be it resolved that the young people of the diocese undertake to send relief in the way of food and clothing to the peoples of Europe.

Be it resolved that work among the colored young people be further increas-

ed and extended.

Be it resolved that the young people of the diocese of W. N. C. extend to Bishop Gribbin on his retirement, their thanks for the interest which he has shown in the work of the youth of the diocese.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the resolution to Bishop Gribbin be rewritten and a copy sent to him.

The Courtesy committee extended thanks to the young people of Grace Church, and to the Auxiliary of Grace Church for their kind hospitality, and suggested that each one write a note of thanks to his host or hostess upon their arrival home. Thanks were extended to Helen Thomas for her untiring work and devotion with the young people during her term as president.

The Rev. Mark Jenkins, Chairman of the Youth Commission, gave report of same.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report:

President, Mary Aston Leavell, Morganton, N. C.; Vice President, Andy Weaver, Trinity Church, Asheville; Secretary, Willodene Hook, Bessemer City, N. C.; Youth News Reporter, Helen Thomas.

Nominations were made from the floor, and each office was voted on separately, one vote allowed to each league represented. The people suggested by the nominating committee were elected.

The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan had prayers for missions at noon. The Rev. Robert Campbell, Church of the Ascension, Hickory, N. C., a newcomer to the diocese from Cleveland, Ohio, spoke on *Plan*, and its major emphasis for 1947-48.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned for lunch, at which time the courtesy committee report was read. The meeting was closed with the benediction given by the Rev. Boston Lackey, Sr.

NOTICE

Will anyone having any news of their young people's groups please send it to Miss Helen Thomas, Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C.

WORLD RELIEF

Mr. Redwood reports that up to the time of the November issue deadline \$4,971.54 has been received for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

CLERICAL CHANGE

The Rev. Joseph S. Huske has resigned as rector of St. Luke's, Lincolnton, and is now assistant to the Dean at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, La.

Grace Church, Morganton, entertained the Young Churchmen during October, housing and feeding the sixty-odd who were present. It was thrilling to see that many young people together, and interesting to speculate on the wonders that could be accomplished with that many shoulders to the wheel.

Many of the branches are using speakers suggested by the Promotion Chairman. Are you? If not, try them!

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Book Review

By The Rev. J. H. Rhys

DANGERS IN MODERN SOCIETY, a review of "The Abolition of Man" by C. S. Lewis. (Macmillan Company \$1.25)

Modern education, one hears it on every hand, is at war with the Christian way of life. Our differences of opinion in religion caused us to establish education on a non-sectarian basis. From that it naturally develops into secularism. In other words, our educational system no longer takes any account of God. He is left out of all instruction or consideration. And that means a completely effective denial of God in the life of the student. The results, on half-formed minds, can readily be predicted. Father Simcox finds the secularist attitude most developed among the college teachers of such subjects as psychology and sociology. Professor Lewis traces the genesis of this attitude back to the teaching of English in schools. That is to say that our contemporary educational process is at work undermining Christian principles from the time that its victims are able to think.

Mr. Lewis proves his point as follows. One textbook in English equates the statement, "This waterfall is sublime" with "I have sublime feelings". At once we are left with a radical subjectivism which, among other things, would set aside the objective character of patriotism, morality, and religion. Another text states that a piece of really poor writing about the history of Australia is bad simply because it attributes to horses motives which no animal could entertain; thus one may conclude that it is illogical to treat one's animals as in any sense one's companions, which would make us less likely to be concerned for their welfare. And so it goes. The possibility of any sentiment being reasonable, or even unreasonable, is excluded by the reduction of all sentiments to emotions which can have no relation to reason. The end of subjectivism is

attained when you can no longer complete a sentence with any predicate of value; you can only talk about yourself. The products of the system Mr. Lewis calls "men without chests", the sort of men who are the reason that our civilization is lacking in dynamic qualities.

Once objective values are denied, there arises the question of how any obligation can be laid upon anyone. Why should we labour to preserve society? Or why should we obey our instincts? The only possible reasons for any type of obligation have to be borrowed from the traditional sense of values, which Mr. Lewis has described as "the Tao" (from the Chinese for Way of Life).

Of course modern education has insisted that it looks toward the progressive emancipation of the human race, through scientific achievement. But emancipation from what? Mr. Lewis points out that these inventions are controlled by certain groups of people, and really give them power over other groups. "Each new power won BY man is a power OVER man as well." When man's conquest of nature comes to include the conquest of HUMAN nature, it will mean the power of man to make himself what he pleases, or really the power of some men to make other men what THEY please. This raises the terrible possibility that an all-competent state, or those who control it, by the combination of eugenics and educational psychology could completely condition the lives of all future generations of men. This would indeed be the abolition of man as man; we would stand on the same level as the insect world. Our world has seen enough to know that it is not pure fantasy.

It would be best to read the account in full. And do not forget the appendix of Mr. Lewis' illustrations of the Tao. The time may not be so far off when we shall have to choose between the classical morality or judgement of values, and the abolition of man in the completely conditioned mind and life and emotions to which present tendencies in our civilization may lead.

St. Mary's, Beaver Creek, is active too. They send magazines to the hospitals, help financially with various causes, and are making money to enclose the church yard.

One of the regular activities of the Church of the Redeemer, Asheville, is the serving of breakfast to the congregation every Sunday following the celebration of the Holy Communion. They care for the church and parish house, and have contributed a generous sum toward the building fund, which will make living quarters for their priest.

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"Can I count on you? Are you going to keep up this moron's game of prejudice peddling? Or are you going to swear off it—have no patience with it?

"It's up to you."

THANKSGIVING

By Mark Jenkins

It is November, but there is still a riot of color and beauty in our mountains and valleys. Even our flower boxes, long since neglected, show a blossom of pastel hues now and then. "O Heavenly Father, Who hast filled the world with beauty; open, we beseech Thee, our eyes to behold Thy gracious Hand in all Thy works." So runs the prayer for joy in and thanksgiving for the beauty of God's creation. Stop, when you read this, and honestly review your prayers of recent days. Has there been any word of thanks or appreciation to God

for all the beauties of leaf, of blossom, of mountainside or awful sunsets? God was not compelled to give us such beauty. Neither is He bound to bless us, in any way, because we deserve such bounty. No; too many of us have not even said a word of thanks for such Love, yet true prayers of thanksgiving are among the soul's noblest works.

I am afraid too many of our prayers these days are frantic, negative whinings for help or escape. Instead of this, sit down before November 27th and make as complete a list as possible of all the things for which you can be thankful. Then list all the blessings which you have the simple faith to believe will come in the future.

If you do a thorough job of such a listing of blessings, your list will never end. But you should have written down enough items to direct your prayers, your thoughts, and your activities on Thanksgiving Day. Make that the beginning of a life unfeignedly thankful not alone in words but in His service.

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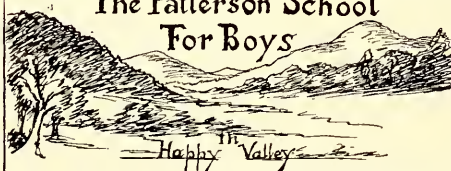
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Bishop Gribbin has requested the President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, Fletcher, N. C., to arrange the schedule of all his visits in the Diocese for Confirmation, between November 23 and December 14, inclusive. If you wish Bishop Gribbin to visit your Parish or Mission between these dates, or if you wish a Confirmation Service at some other date, please get in touch with Mr. Jenkins as soon as possible, and he will try to arrange a date to accommodate your need.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast promised to Thy Church Thine own abiding Presence and the guidance of the Holy Spirit; we beseech Thee so to guide and govern the minds and hearts of Thy servants, the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, that they may wisely choose a Bishop and leader for Thy Church: that so we may go stedfastly forward in the fulfillment of Thy great purpose for mankind; we ask it in Thy Name, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Christmas

Opportunists will seize upon Christmas this year just as they have done from time immemorial. There will be the commercial opportunists who will exploit the symbolism of the gifts of the Magi by presenting for our delection a wide variety of gifts from teddy-bears to chinchilla coats. There will be the humanitarian opportunists who will use the universal feeling of fellowship which prevails at Christmastime to urge us, successfully, to help the needy of the world. And then, it is to be devoutly hoped, there will be the fully Christian opportunists who will take the best of the things the commercial and humanitarian opportunists have to offer and add to them the tremendous message that we are celebrating the anniversary of God's physical entry into the world.

Although we may become impatient with the sometimes crass, high-pressure methods of the first kind of opportunists, it must be admitted that they do us a real service in emphasizing of idea of gifts at Christmas. Gifts serve to remind us of the gift God gave us in sending his Son into the world. And

those who emphasize human need at Christmas do us no disservice with the reminder that Jesus Christ came to minister to all human need, physical and spiritual.

It is the Christian opportunist, however, who will render the greatest service when he tells a weary, fear-ridden world that He who came to bring peace to those who are far off and those who are nigh was indeed God Himself and that He has not left His people. It is upon this eternal message of Christmas that men will build a world of enduring peace which will be ante-type of the Kingdom of God.

The Election of A Bishop

The choice of a bishop for the Diocese of Western North Carolina places upon all of us a responsibility so overwhelming as to seem beyond our power to handle. It is. The choice cannot be ours to make, it must be God's choice; that choice will be made by God, acting through his instruments who will be the clergy and laity of the Diocese. If we are ever conscious of God acting, through the power of the Holy Ghost, there will be no place in our deliberations for prejudice, ecclesiastical wire-pulling or failure to take into consideration *all* the needs of the Diocese.

THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN does not presume to know all the qualities that should be looked for in the men who are to be considered, but as it is sound editorial policy to state the obvious, we dare mention a few. We do this in the hope that it will make us all think of how the list of qualities should be expanded. Our bishop should be of great spiritual depth, sound scholarship, missionary zeal and forceful and winning personality. And because every diocese looks for a paragon, we should like to see the diocesan possess executive ability, be a good preacher, and have a constitution that is robust.

On the cover is printed the prayer that has been authorized by the Standing Committee to be used throughout the Diocese until a successor to the

Right Reverend Robert Emmet Gribbin is elected. It has been written large with the earnest hope that every person in the Diocese will use it every day.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Western North Carolina:

In leaving the Diocese of Western North Carolina, I want you to know that I am carrying with me many happy memories — memories of services in which we have worshipped together, and memories of the gracious hospitality enjoyed by me in your homes.

I wish in this way to acknowledge with appreciation the cooperation of those who helped me to do the work committed unto me.

May you go from strength to strength working with your new Diocesan.

Gratefully, your friend
Robert E. Gribbin

Layman's Group Has Meeting

Initial steps leading towards a diocesan-wide layman's organization were taken at a meeting held at Trinity Church, Asheville, on November 8th. The meeting was held at the request of Bishop Gribbin in order to put in effect a resolution passed at the Diocesan Convention in 1947. This resolution called for the formation of a group of laymen who would create their own organization and initiate and carry out their own program for the laymen of the Diocese. Laymen from seven churches met in the parish house for a supper which was served by the ladies of Trinity Church.

The chairman of the Department of Promotion, The Rev. John Tuton, called the meeting to order and introduced the Bishop who addressed the meeting. The Bishop reviewed the case for a vital layman's work, citing the example of the early Church when it was the laity who bore witness for Christ in the time of persecution following St. Stephen's martyrdom. He reminded the men that the Church of today stands in need of laymen's work and thought if the Church-wide program of evangelism is to succeed. The Bishop called upon the laymen to form a body of Churchmen who



The Rt. Rev. Robert E. Gribbin

would encourage his successor and stand ready to help in the task that will lie before the Diocese and its new bishop.

Following the Bishop's address, a chairman pro tem was elected, Mr. John Haven from Asheville. The chairman led a round table discussion concerning the immediate plans for getting the work under way. It was agreed that the diocesan laymen's work should act as

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Special Convention To Be Held January 14th

Notices have been sent to all clergymen, vestries and mission committees that a special convention has been called for Wednesday, January 14th, at 10 a. m., at Trinity Church, Asheville. This convention has been called for the purpose of electing a successor to the Right Reverend Robert E. Gribbin whose resignation as diocesan was accepted at the House of Bishops meeting.

Clerical delegates shall be all clergymen canonically resident in the diocese and lay delegates shall be elected by the vestries and mission committees. Parishes are entitled to three lay delegates and organized missions shall send one lay delegate. At the convention, all nominations will come from the floor and the election shall be by orders; clerical delegates will vote as one body and lay delegates as another. A concurrence of both orders present and voting shall be necessary to determine the

choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to vote and lay delegates from two-thirds of all the parishes and congregations entitled to representation be present; otherwise, two-thirds of the votes of each order present shall be necessary to a choice.

There is much interest being shown in many parts of the diocese over the forthcoming convention and election. Names are being sent to a fact-finding committee with the request that the men named have information collected about them that will be useful in determining who could best serve the diocese as bishop.

The Diocesan Treasurer, Mr. William Redwood, has asked THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN to call particular attention to the requirement that the 1947 ASSESSMENT must be paid in full before a parish or mission can seat its delegates.

Fact Finding Committee Named

The Standing Committee at a meeting held November 11th, named a fact-finding committee that is empowered to collect data on men who are proposed as possible nominees for bishop of the diocese. This committee does not have any powers of nomination or recommendation, but exists solely for the purpose of securing all information that may be asked for concerning a man's ability, experience, theological training or other biographical material. Information gathered will be available to communicants of the diocese upon request to the committee either prior to the special convention or at the time of the convention. The committee, through its chairman, will give facts only upon definite request, and these facts will be as of the date of the request.

The initial meeting of the fact-finding

committee was held at Holy Cross Church, Tryon, on November 18th. The Rev. William T. Capers was named chairman, Mr. Kingsland VanWinkle vice-chairman, and Mrs. Mark Dickerson of Rutherfordton, recording secretary. Other members present were the reverend messrs. W. C. Leach, John Tuton and Gale Webbe, Mr. William Balthis and Mrs. A. B. Stoney. Mr. George Wiese and Mr. William Frue are also members of the committee. A sub-committee was named, consisting of the chairman and vice-chairman and the Rev. John Tuton and the Rev. Gale Webbe. This sub-committee was to draw up the models of letters of inquiry that would be sent concerning anyone whose name is proposed. Letters would be sent to the following in the diocese in which the proposed priest is minister-

ing: the bishop of that diocese, the president of the standing committee, a layman on the standing committee, and the president of the diocesan Woman's Auxiliary.

The names of those proposed as possible nominees must be accompanied by the name of the person proposing, and should be sent to the chairman of the fact-finding committee, the Rev. Wm. T. Capers, Tryon, N. C.

Rev. William T. Capers, Jr.,
Chairman

Tryon, N. C.

November 22, 1947.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese:

It is with the sincere desire to be of the greatest possible assistance to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese in the fulfillment of their solemn responsibility in the selection of a Bishop, that your Standing Committee has appointed a fact finding committee. This committee has been chosen with meticulous care. It represents the Clergy and the Laity from all parts of the Diocese, men and women whose churchmanship is divergent, but whose hopes are all blended together in one united prayer to God, that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we may select a man as the Bishop of Western North Carolina whose goodness of character, broadness of vision and inspiration of leadership may weld us into one family, who, with the spirit of Christian enthusiasm, may take up with renewed faith the challenging tasks that lie before us.

This committee has no authority. It is in no sense of the word a nominating committee. It is just what its name implies. Its duty is the dissemination of facts about the presbyter or presbyters in whom you are interested, and about whom you wish to have more knowledge.

The democracy of the Church is of primary importance at a time like this.



Trinity Church, Asheville, where the special convention will be held January 24.

We want the people of the various parishes and missions to feel their definite right in the selection of a man who is to preside over this Diocese as our Father in God. This you can do by submitting the name or names of the presbyters whom you feel are best qualified to fill this high office. In view of the limited time available to the Committee to make investigation it is requested that all names of suggested candidates be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee within thirty days of the date of this letter. We would also ask you to make this election a matter of your personal prayers, and to see to it that each Sunday the prayer that has been authorized by the Standing Committee be said in your Church.

Faithfully yours,

William T. Capers, Jr.,
Chairman.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ASCENSION, HICKORY

The Rev. Robert B. Campbell was instituted as Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hickory, Sunday evening, October 26th. Mr. T. M. Johnston and Mr. T. M. Whitener, Wardens of Ascension, stood at the Altar rail and formally presented their new Rector the keys to the church. The Letter of Institution came from San Francisco, California, signed by the Seal of the Diocese by Bishop Gribbin. The Rev. Charles G. Leavell acted as Institutor in behalf of Bishop Gribbin and the Standing Committee, and also preached the sermon which ended with a pastoral charge to the new Rector. The congregation of about eighty persons filled the church practically to capacity.

Prior to the Institution the Vestrymen and their wives were guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Campbell at a buffet dinner in the newly-decorated Rectory.

GRACE, MORGANTON

The Rt. Rev. James M. Stoney, D. D., Bishop of New Mexico and Southwest Texas, preached on the mission of the Church and especially within his own Diocese at the 11:00 A. M. Holy Communion in Grace Church, Morganton, November 2nd. Acting at the request of Bishop Gribbin and in his behalf, Bishop Stoney confirmed a class of five candidates for Confirmation. In spite of a driving rain that Sunday over ninety persons were present for the service.

Bishop Stoney spoke at a luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Church on Monday, November 3rd, with about 35 women present. He told of the Church's work among the Navajo Indians and of the obligations of the United States to these first families of America which as yet our government has only partially and half-heartedly filled. Recently U. S. Government agents have been in conference with missionaries of the Church seeking

to improve conditions among the fast-growing Navajo Indians now numbering over 60,000 compared to 7,000 in 1880. The Church's mission to the Navajos, at present barely touching the problems and possibilities, is shared by the Dioceses of Arizona and New Mexico and Southwest Texas. Bishop Stoney is brother to Mr. A. B. Stoney, a member of our Diocesan Standing Committee.

The Church School in Grace Church, with the addition of a Men's Bible Class, of which Mr. H. L. Riddle, Jr., is President, has taken on new life this past fall with attendance running as high as seventy persons.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew recently elected new officers for the Brotherhood year which begins November 30th, St. Andrew's Day. Mr. Dewey Oxford was elected Director, Mr. William Cobb, Vice-Director, and Mr. William McIntyre, Secretary-Treasurer. The Brotherhood is planning a direct-aid program to a Church of England individual or family, and inquiries are now under way concerning this project. The Chapter meets bi-monthly for a corporate communion and a business session, and seeks to stimulate church attendance and interest through personal evangelism throughout the year.

The new Rectory for Grace Church is now almost complete, and may be occupied by the Rector and his family before Christmas.

Mr. B. A. Jacobs, III, is serving as Every-Member-Canvass Chairman for Grace Church this year, and has used more than a score of all-male canvassers in the prosecution of what appears to be the best canvass yet in this parish. With considerable "clean-up work" yet to be done we are only a thousand dollars short of our parochial goal, and the Church's Program figure set by the Vestry (which is in excess of the apportionment set by the Diocese) of \$1,300.00 has been over-subscribed.

ST. MARY'S, QUAKER MEADOWS

St. Mary's Mission Committee met November 13th and elected Mr. John Oxford, Delegate, and Mr. Sam Wall, Alternate, to represent St. Mary's at the special Convention of the Diocese to be held January 14th, 1948. Plans were made for cleaning out the mission well, grading the property to eliminate water in the basement of the church, and providing sanitation facilities. A budget was adopted whereby one-third of the total receipts of the Mission go towards the Church's Missionary Program.

The 11:00 A. M. services at Grace Church are now being broadcast over Morganton's new Radio Station WMNC (149) once every five Sundays. October 26th was our first broadcast date; November 30th is to be our next one; January 4th our first in 1948. If you live within 35 miles of Morganton and have no 11:00 A. M. service of your own, or happen to be ill, tune in on our broadcast.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, MORGANTON

St. Stephen's property was recently sold by the Trustees of the Diocese to a group of Morganton doctors, at the request of St. Stephen's congregation. We retain the right to use the church building for eighteen months, and to move same if such proves feasible. At the present time negotiations are under way towards securing a lot in a more favorable location. Whether the old church is used or a completely new one is erected it is planned that more adequate facilities will be provided in a better neighborhood to reach the members and potential members of this mission.

ACTIVITY AT ASCENSION

Great activity has marked the work of the congregation of the Church of the Ascension this fall. Under the leadership of Mr. Dan H. Ligon, Superintendent, the Church School has more than doubled its membership, rising from 30 to about 75 students, enrolled. Seven new teachers have been added to

the staff, and one of these is Professor William Brandon of the Lenoir-Rhyne College faculty, who is teaching the newly formed adult class, with about twenty members. Other new teachers are Miss Elizabeth Council, Junior girls; Mrs. J. C. Cobb, Primary; Mr. J. C. Cobb, Senior boys; Mr. Hugh Robertson, Junior boys; Mrs. Holcolmb, Kindergarten; and Mrs. Robert B. Campbell, Senior girls.

The Fall United Thank Offering for the women of the Church was received early in the fall, and amounted to \$107.36. Youth Sunday, members of the Young People's Fellowship helped in the service, the lessons being read by Bill and Reid Poovey, and the morning prayer being conducted by Joe Petree, and Manly Whitener. The Rev. Robert B. Campbell, rector of the church, preached the sermon on: "Youth and the Bible". The Youth Sunday offering was \$28.

The Young People's Fellowship is growing, with new equipment for their use being donated by Mrs. R. E. Simpson, and consisting of a ping pong set and table, and a victrola.

The Altar Guild has started plans for new vestments for the choir, and has ordered the 1940 Edition Hymnal for the entire Church.

A Hallowe'en party for the children of the Church School was held, and the proceeds were given to the Church School for its use.

On November 7, a Parish Supper was held in the American Legion Hall with an address by the rector on the future of the work of the Church of the Ascension, and moving pictures of Patterson School, Happy Valley, were shown through the help of Dr. O. H. Browne, of the Lenoir-Rhyne College faculty, and the courtesy of Mr. G. F. Wiese, Superintendent, and Mr. Van Cleve. Both Mr. Wiese and Mr. Van Cleve made moving talks.

The general church attendance this fall has been very good, and four new pews have been added to accommodate the congregation. A nursery school is conducted at 11 a. m., for the sake of

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WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

St. Paul's, Bear Mountain, in Amherst County, Virginia, the mission to which our Advent boxes will be sent, is a unique one. Its work is among some five hundred people with a curious racial history. Long ago, when some Indians were travelling through the mountains, some remained behind and settled in Amherst County, intermarrying with the local white population. Since then they have also intermarried with the negro population and have been looked upon as outcasts.

A seminary student discovered them around 1914, untaught and neglected. Through his interest a school and mission was started. These have accomplished so much that the State now pays the teacher's salary and the church and school have splendid cooperation in their work.

These people own no land, but work as tenants or farm laborers. They are really poverty-stricken, and are most grateful for what the Episcopal church does for them. They are visited regularly by our minister from Amherst, Va., and to date no other denomination has shown any interest in them.

The Mission is most fortunate in having Miss Isabel Wagner in charge. She has worked there faithfully for several years with remarkable results. Every article we have sent this fall will be put to good use by Miss Wagner.

The District Auxiliary meeting were held during October as follows:

District No. 1 at All Souls, Biltmore.

District No. 2 at Holy Cross, Tryon.

District No. 3 at Grace Church, Morganton.

District No. 4 at The Redeemer, Shelby.

District No. 5 at St. Matthias, Asheville.

At each of these meetings, a member of the Standing Committee spoke on "The steps necessary to election of a

Bishop", a clergyman spoke on "Evangelism", and the Diocesan officers gave brief reports.

February the 8th has been announced as "Race Relations Sunday".

It is a little late to be announcing the birth of a new branch of the Auxiliary, it being now six months old, but it is good news at any time to hear that the women at St. Andrews, Bessemer City, have organized. Miss Patricia Page is the church worker at this mission.

The program for the Episcopal Hour broadcasts to be heard each Sunday at 8:30 a. m. during December is as follows:

December 7th: The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, Bishop Coadjutor of Texas.

December 14th: The Rev. Louis C. Melchior, Trinity Church, Columbia, S. C.

December 21st: The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop.

December 28th: Special Christmas Program.

To all branches: News of any special Christmas activities would be greatly appreciated by the Promotion Secretary, 112 Powe St., Morganton, N. C.

The mission study book recommended for use by our Church, as well as by many of the Protestant Churches, for this year is "Committed Unto Us" by Willis Lamott. It may be ordered from the Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Ave., New York, and costs one dollar for the paper edition.

It is a presentation of the subject of Evangelism. It tells what has been accomplished in the foreign mission field, what needs to be done, and what tremendous opportunities face the Christian Church in the mission fields. Space is also devoted to the place and chal-

lence of the Christian Church in Europe today.

A rather startling chapter presents the picture in North America today, where no more than half the population claim membership in any church, Christian or Jewish.

The need for the presentation of the Christian Gospel in our own communities and in all the world is presented, as well as an intelligent presentation of the methods to meet these needs.

A guide for leaders of study groups, "Ventures in Witnessing", may be secured for twenty-five cents. An illustrated booklet "New World Ahead", by David Baker, is seventy-five cents. A packet containing "Committed Unto Us", "Ventures in Witnessing", "Ye Shall Be Witnesses", "A Presentation of the Work of Our Church", and a Map of the Anglican Communion around the World, may be secured for one dollar fifty cents.

Every Parish and Mission branch of the Auxiliary should plan during the year a series of study meetings on this material.

New Chairman of Altar Guild Work is Miss Virginia T. Green, Box 442, Saluda, N. C.

Chairman of Personnel is Mrs. William T. Capers, Jr., Tryon, N. C.

The Auxiliary of St. Luke's, Boone, has a gold mine. Booths are set up in two tobacco warehouses during auction days, the ladies taking turns in dispensing coffee, hamburgers, soft drinks and candy. Each day of sales has seen a very tidy sum collected through the sales of these indispensable items.

RURAL WORK MEETING

Rochester, N. Y.—Oregon, Maine, Western North Carolina, Virginia, were among the thirty dioceses in the United States represented by sixty Episcopalians who attended the National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country held in Rochester, N. Y., November 4-6. This three-day meeting, which drew 650 delegates from the non-Roman Communions of the United States and Canada, was held under the auspices of the Committee on Town and Country of the Home Missions Council of North America, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the International Council of Religious Education. The Rev. Clifford L. Samuelson, Associate Secretary, Division of Domestic Missions of the National Council, served as chairman of the group of Episcopalians, who met for two luncheon meetings in the Hotel Rochester, once as the Rural Workers' Fellowship in St. Luke's parish house and once for a supper meeting at the YMCA. A Corporate Communion was held in Christ Church. Other leaders were Hiss Elizabeth Rhea, Assistant Secretary for Rural Work, National Council; Prof. W. V. Dennis of Penn State College; the Rev. W. Francis Allison, Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Workers' Fellowship of the Episcopal Church; and Capt. William Paddock of the Church Army. Four Church theological seminaries sent students to the Convocation—Bexley Hall, Cambier, O.; the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif.; Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.; and the Theological Seminary in Virginia, Alexandria, Va.

NOTICE TO PARISH TREASURERS

The Department of Finance of the National Council has sent a letter to all diocesan treasurers calling to their attention the manner in which funds for the special campaign for radio programs and advertising will be handled. It is definitely recommended that all money collected within the Diocese be sent to Mr.

William Redwood, 20 Cedarcliff Drive, Biltmore Forest.

This recommendation is in line with the canon law of the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Canon 4, section 1, states in part: "The Treasurer of the Diocese shall receive . . . all funds that shall be raised and appropriated for the general work of the Church outside of the Diocese."

ACTION OF HOUSE OF BISHOPS

The House of Bishops elected three Missionary Bishops at the Winston-Salem meeting. The vacancy created by the resignation of Bishop John B. Bentley of Alaska was filled by the election of the Rev. William J. Gordon, now in charge of St. Thomas' Mission, Point Hope, Alaska. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and the Virginia Seminary, and is 29 years old.

Elected for service as Coadjutor of the Missionary District of Wyoming, the Rev. James W. Hunter, now rector of St. Mark's Church, San Antonio, Tex. He is 43 years old, graduate of Johns Hopkins and the Virginia Seminary.

To be Bishop-Coadjutor of the District of Southern Brazil, the Rev. Louis C. Melcher, rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, S. C. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the University of the South. He is 49 years old, and was a Canon, and later, Dean of St. Luke's Cathedral, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone.

The House accepted the resignations of Bishops Robert E. Gribbin, Western North Carolina; John T. Dallas, New Hampshire; E. J. Randall, Suffragan of Chicago; Benjamin T. Kemerer, Suffragan of Minnesota; Frank W. Creighton, Michigan; A. A. Gilman, Hankow, China; and John B. Bentley, Alaska.

THE REV. B. M. LACKEY, SR., ILL

At deadline time it has been reported to THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN that the Rev. Boston M. Lackey, rector of St. James, Lenoir, has been ill. Dr. Lackey underwent an operation and due to some slight complications, was not able to take services in his parishes as soon as he had hoped to do so.

In the absence of the rector, The Rev. J. Norton Atkins has been in charge of Sunday services. Father Atkins served as both a seminarian and priest in the Diocese in the days when it was the Missionary District of Asheville.

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Young Churchmen's News

TRINITY

The young people of Trinity had a Corporate Communion on Youth Sunday, followed by breakfast in the parish house. They also had a meeting that afternoon, at which time the Rector spoke to them.

On Tuesday, October 28, the Young People had a Hallowe'en party, night club style, in the parish house. The room was decorated in traditional orange and black, and the stage was flocked by corn stalks on either side of the piano. Drinks and sandwiches were sold in the course of the evening, and an entertainment program of songs, dances, and piano selections was put on by some of the members. The attendance was gratifying, and everyone enjoyed dancing between entertainment.

BESSEMER CITY

Youth Sunday was observed in Bessemer with the young people taking part in the evening worship service.

GASTONIA

The young people have not been meeting during the summer, but this fall they began by electing new officers for the coming year. They are:

President, Farris Thomas; Vice President, Jimmy McKenzie; Secretary-Treasurer, Becky Marshall; Program Chairman, Bernie Atkinson.

On Saturday, November 1, they had a Scavenger Hunt, followed by supper in the parish house. Young people from Bessemer City and High Shoals were invited to this party.

CALVARY

Another square dance was held at Calvary on October 24, to mark the end of a successful series of parties. There was a large attendance present, and refreshments were served in the course of the evening.

BAT CAVE

A letter from Beatrix Deutsch: After the meeting in Morganton, we, the young people of the Church of the Transfiguration, organized our group.

As our first project we sent a \$10 CARE box to a needy family in Europe. We raised the money by giving a game party from which we made \$16.35.

Our next project for Thanksgiving is to help one in our community.

The whole Sunday School is helping to clean our beautiful new church—each person for a month at a time.

Dear Young Churchmen:

I wish you knew how hard it is for me to get just this little bit of news to you, because no one seems to want to take it upon himself to send me any news of what has been going on in their leagues. Just think how interesting the paper would be if everyone co-operated and sent in a few lines each month. It would be a very interesting issue for all concerned, and it would also be helpful for the groups who are not very well organized to learn what the other young people are doing. Won't you make the next issue the best yet, by sending in news of your activities. Everyone is busy during the Christmas season, and what else is more interesting than the different types of parties put on by you on Christmas and New Year?

THE ED.

Dear Young Churchmen:

When Helen Thomas asked me in Asheville to write a letter to you, among my first questions was "What shall I write about? How long shall it be?"—and so forth. Then when I got home I began to think about this letter. I wanted someone to tell me what to do and then keep after me until I did it. I think many of us are this way. We have to be pushed until we finally do something.

It's true in our League, and I'm afraid it's true in other Leagues. Someone is given a part in the program, and if he isn't reminded fifty times, he forgets and doesn't do his part.

I wonder if we ever stopped to think what would happen if everyone did his job well, and no one had to coax him to do it. We would have a very strong League and others would probably like to join it. This could easily be done, if everyone would do his job, no matter how small, and do it well. We are plenty capable and all we need is a little support of our League and District. Let's not be half-hearted and say, "Well, Jim or Sue always see that things are done; they don't need me to help them." They do need you, and we need more Jims and Sues in our Young Churchmen of the Diocese.

Please don't think I'm preaching to you. I wouldn't steal my father's thunder for anything! I leave preaching to him. But there's always room for improvement both in ourselves and in our Church.

Sincerely,
Your President,
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YOUTH SERVICE AT VALLE CRUCIS

The branch of the Girls' Friendly Society at Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, had a special service on Sunday night, November 23rd. The primary object of the service was to tell in vivid form of the many activities that are being carried on by the branch.

The opening service was one of the special litanies found in the Forward Movement, "Prayers New and Old", a litany of the disciples' way. After a short address by the priest-in-charge, and an offeratory, the service was turned over to the GFS branch. Mrs. Mont Glover, group adviser, spoke on the meaning of a GFS branch to the community and church. Then the members in turn spoke on the several aspects of the activities of the branch.

The branch has already contributed \$70 to the parish house fund, \$20 for a medicine fund for the community, made scrapbooks for hospitalized children, sent clothing to overseas relief. A study is being made of the four Gospels, all members are regular in Church and Sunday School attendance, the GFS helps with the choir and all have been confirmed. Homemaking is studied as is primary first aid. All the girls have learned the art of thermometer reading and the rules of diet and health are given special care in study and practice.

At the conclusion of the service, Mrs. Glover made awards of thermometers to all those who had passed the tests in thermometer-reading and first aid.

It should be noted that all these activities do not require a large group for the success of a branch, for the branch at Valle Crucis has nine members.

CHURCH GARDEN IS CLUB PROJECT

The Boys' Club at Valle Crucis acted as chairman for the 1947 Lord's Acre. Hybrid corn was planted in the Church Garden, and the men and boys of the Church harvested the crop. Over 100 bushels of corn was made, so it is expected that over \$200 will be turned over to the treasurer from this project.

Question Box

What is the difference in a parish and a mission?

A parish is an independent church, self-supporting financially. A mission is a church dependent on the diocese or a parish for its support and development.

When a church is first established in an area, it is set up as a mission. The bishop appoints a committee, which fills the functions of a vestry, working with the priest in charge.

The mission does not have the right to elect its own committee. The committee usually is appointed on recommendation of the pastor. The pastor, or priest in charge, is sent by the bishop.

After the church has grown to the point that it can care for its own development, it may petition the diocese for recognition as a parish.

When the church becomes a parish, it elects its own vestrymen, and the vestry calls the rector.

The parishes and missions are united in a diocese, which is a geographical area under the jurisdiction of a bishop.

When the diocese is first founded, and before it is financially independent, it is called a missionary district. The House of Bishops elects the head of the missionary district, who is called a missionary bishop.

After the missionary district becomes self-supporting, it gains the status of diocese, and has the right to elect its own bishop.

The bishop may move the priest in charge of a mission from one church to another, or the priest may accept a call to a parish. Likewise, the missionary bishop may be elected bishop of a diocese.

The rector of the parish is elected until retirement, or until he accepts a call to another parish. The bishop of a diocese is elected head of that diocese until his retirement. He is not able to accept election to another diocese.

"My Pledge"—To Increase My Pledge.

The Book of Common Prayer states "My Duty Toward God is to Worship Him Every Sunday in His Church."

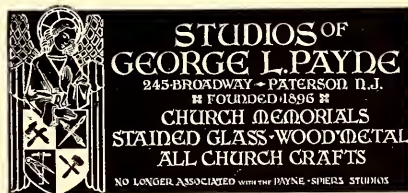
"I Cried Because I Had No Shoes Until I Saw A Man With No Feet!"

Repentance was once defined by a small girl, "It's to be sorry enough to quit."—*C. H. Kilmer.*

The Anglican child is taught that to the question, "Where was the Church of England before the Reformation?" the correct reply is the counter question: "Where was your face before you washed it?"—*Canon Leonard Hodgson.*

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the young parents who have children too young to bring into the church.

The rector has started a series of Wednesday evening lectures at the request of the congregation, and proposes to continue these indefinitely. At the present he is lecturing on "How The Bible Came Down To Us."

The congregation is looking forward to the starting of a Young Adult Club for the many young adults of the congregation.

The choir has expended great time and effort in the work of the music of the church, and at present there are about twenty in the choir, the junior choir singing with the senior choir on Sunday mornings.



The Rt. Rev. Charles Clingan, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, opens fall season of the Episcopal Bowling League, at Louisville. Six churches are members of the league, with some 100 men bowling regularly throughout the season. The Bishop, rolling the first ball, was credited with a strike.

PATTERSON SCHOOL FILM SHOWN

The Patterson School film "Happy Valley," was shown at a meeting of the Men's Club of St. John's Parish, Marion, on Monday evening, December 1. In a short talk before the presentation of the film, George Wiese, Superintendent of Patterson, quoted Mr. Jordan, Publicity Director of the National Council, New York City, as saying that "Happy Valley" is the best promotional film put out as yet for the Church on a church subject. As a consequence, the film is being given a national circulation through the National Council, Mr. Wiese reported.

The film "Happy Valley" is being made available to church groups, service clubs and other organizations in North Carolina and adjoining states through Mr. Donald Van Cleve, Registrar, Patterson School, Legerwood, N. C. It has already been widely shown in this diocese at parish suppers and other church gatherings, as well as at non-church groups.

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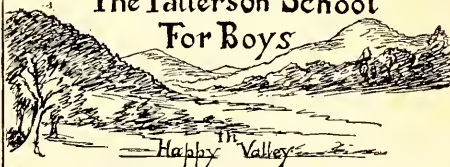
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LAYMAN'S GROUP HAS MEETING

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an integrating agent for the work among laymen done on the parish or mission level. Keymen, chosen from each parish and mission, would be able to carry to their individual groups the plans that would lead to a strengthening of all laymen's work in the Diocese. One of the major plans discussed was for a supper meeting on the night of the special convention, a meeting which would have as its purpose to bring a keyman from every parish and mission into a working organization for the Diocese.

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as an oratorical punching bag. This apparent willingness of churchmen of several shades of opinion to dwell together in peace and harmony argues well for the future harmonious working of the Diocese.

The interest of the Convention was about equally divided between the election of a bishop and the issue of the re-division of the dioceses in North Carolina. It is to be regretted that the Standing Committee had not been given more time to consider the proposals and to make them known throughout the Diocese. For many who came to the Convention it was a great surprise to learn of proposals to defer election until the matter of diocesan realignment could be studied.

Editorially, the *North Carolina Churchman* has asked that the possibility of changing diocesan boundaries be given serious thought, free from prejudices and sentiment. We heartily second this point of view, believing that we must always try to determine what is best for the Church rather than our particular segment of it.

In our opinion the Diocese was entirely right in proceeding with the election, for many months or even several years may elapse before any decision can be reached. We would be doing the Church as a whole no service by moving haltingly as we would if we were without the leadership of a bishop. We cannot afford to mark time while waiting to see what other diocese are willing to do.

With a bishop at the head of the Diocese, we will have an authoritative spokesman who can sit in the councils of the Church and make the decisions which will affect the Church lives of those in Western North Carolina.

By all means let us lay to heart the problem of realigning the dioceses, and let us have the faith that God will lead us where He wills us to be.

The Special Convention

And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship . . . And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias . . .

Acts I:23-26.

It is entirely possible that Barsabas received some of the votes cast when the lot fell upon Matthias, for there has always been room for honest difference of opinion among men in the Church. We in the Diocese can now look back upon the Convention with thankfulness; we can be thankful that there was no rancor in the casting of lots although there were honest differences of opinion as to who should succeed to the office of bishop. We can be thankful that the straw-man of churchmanship (high or low) was not set up

The Rev. F. B. Tucker Elected Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Francis Bland Tucker, rector of Christ Church, Savannah, Ga., was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina at a special convention, meeting at Trinity Church, Asheville, January 14th. He was elected on the fourth ballot when 13 of the 25 priests attending and 56 of 78 lay delegates cast their votes in his favor.

Runner-up in the balloting was the Rev. Dr. John S. Higgins, rector of Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis, Minn., who received 12 clerical and 15 lay votes.

Dr. Tucker was born in Norfolk, Va., January 6, 1895, the son of Bishop Beverly Dandridge Tucker of Southern Virginia and Anna Maria (Washington). A brother, the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, was Presiding Bishop until his retirement last year. Another brother, the Rt. Rev. Beverly Dandridge Tucker, is bishop of the Diocese of Ohio.

Dr. Tucker Declines Election

It was announced to the Convocation of Asheville and printed in the public press that Dr. F. B. Tucker has declined to accept the election as bishop of this diocese.

STANDING COMMITTEE SETS DATE FOR NEW ELECTION

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western North Carolina met in Trinity Church Parish House Friday, February 6. The President, The Rev. Mark Jenkins, presided, six members being present.

A letter was read from The Rev. F. Bland Tucker, Bishop-elect, declining the election. He said his declining was the most difficult decision he had ever had to make and the reasons had nothing to do with the work and opportunities in this Diocese, as he would very much like to be a part of this work here. His work in his Parish in Savannah and

the Diocese of Georgia is of such a nature at this time that he felt compelled to stay there rather than make a change now. This decision was received with great regret and a letter stating this feeling was sent to Dr. Tucker.

A resolution was passed setting the time and place of another election. This will take place at the regular Diocesan Convention to be held in Grace Church, Morganton, May 13-14, 1948. Other routine business was transacted.

Church Manners

A casual visitor to Trinity Church on the morning of January 14th could not have guessed that the Special Convention was to open with a celebration of the Holy Communion. Groups of delegates (lay and clerical) were gathered in the church talking in such loud tones that a repeated request for delegates to take their places in the pews went unheeded. Even the entrance of the sacred ministers and the beginning of the Lord's Own Service was not enough to stop the noise of what sounded like a modern Babel. Here was a sorry spectacle of members of a council, charged with the solemn obligation of choosing a successor to the apostles, who did not seem to be aware of the necessity for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament. And lest an editorially expressed desire for greater devotion to the Sacrament be branded as "extreme churchmanship", attention is called to the last paragraph on page 293 of the Prayer Book.

We are quite willing to admit that the great game of church politics is an engrossing one, and we are also quite willing to regret that our Church does not have enough money to erect a diocesan house for business meetings. Until the time comes when we can dispense with the former and possess the latter, we should exercise some self-discipline and practice good church manners.

Highlights of Convention

The celebrant at the opening service was the Rev. G. Mark Jenkins, rector of Calvary Church, Fletcher, and President of the Standing Committee. He was assisted by the rector of Trinity Church, the Rev. John Tuton.

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The Convention was called to order by the Rev. J. P. Burke, Secretary of the Standing Committee. Upon motion by the chancellor of the Diocese, Mr. Kingland Van Winkle, and by unanimous vote of the Convention, Mr. Burke was elected presiding officer. The chair then appointed the Rev. Peter W. Lambert, O. G. S. as acting secretary.

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The roll call of the clerical and lay delegates showed an almost 100 per cent representation from among the active clergy and the parishes and missions. There were 25 clerical and 78 lay delegates given seat and vote. Including delegates, alternates and visitors, the convention was very well attended.

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A proposal to prohibit nominating speeches was defeated. It was proposed that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to two minutes. Many of the delegates present were firm in their desire to have the number of seconding speeches be unlimited, and this opinion carried.

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The Rev. John Tuton made a brief address of welcome and invited delegates to luncheon as guests of the vestry and auxiliary. When this luncheon came as a welcome recess to debate, the chairman on hospitality, Fr. Webbe, made a speech of thanks. The ladies who prepared and served the luncheon were given an applauding vote of thanks.

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At the morning session A. B. Stoney reported for the Standing Committee.

This report, which entailed suggestions from outside the Diocese for the election to be deferred, gave rise to much spirited debate.

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The Rev. C. G. Leavell made the suggestion that the inclusion of Mecklenburg county into the Diocese might be more feasible than the incorporation of the western diocese into the central one.

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Mr. William C. Frue of Hendersonville read a dissent from the report of the Fact Finding Committee. He held in presenting his minority report that the report was not true to the purpose implied by the name of the committee because much of the information given was opinion and not factual data.

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Following two motions calling for reconsideration of the motion to proceed with the convention and for adjournment, the floor was opened to nominations for the office of bishop. Besides Dr. Tucker and Dr. Higgins, the following clergymen were nominated:

M. G. Jones, St. Andrew's, New Orleans; M. George Henry, Christ Church, Charlotte; A. Rufus Morgan, St. Agnes, Franklin, N. C.; Herbert A. Donovan, Christ Church, Charlottesville, Va.; Thorne Sparkman, St. Paul's, Chattanooga; William S. Stoney, Grace Church, Anniston, Ala.; James P. Burke, St. James, Hendersonville.

George R. Madson, St. Paul's, Albany, Ga.; Boston M. Lackey, St. James, Lenoir; John C. Grainger, St. Stephen's, Goldsboro; Albert R. Stuart, Christ Cathedral, New Orleans; Edgar R. Neff, Christ Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Mark Jenkins, Calvary Church, Fletcher; Clarence R. Haden, St. Phillip's, Durham; and Frederick J. Warnecke, St. Mark's, Richmond, Va. The Rev. James Kennedy received two write-in votes on the first ballot.

Convention Declines To Delay Election

The special convention refused to delay election of a bishop until consideration could be given to realigning the three diocese in North Carolina. However, the way was left open for future consideration of proposals to enlarge the Eastern and Western diocese or to divide the state into two diocese.

A. B. Stoney, reporting for the Standing Committee, explained that the committee had received requests to delay election until proposals to change diocesan boundaries could be studied. Much of Mr. Stoney's report consisted of reading letters received by the committee or individual members of the committee. He read a letter printed in *The North Carolina Churchman* in which the writer, the Rev. James S. Cox of Winston-Salem, proposed that the state be divided into two diocese. His plan called for enlarging the Diocese of East Carolina by running its boundary directly north and south between Greensboro and Durham, and eliminating Western North Carolina entirely as a separate diocese. His letter stated that with two large diocese, it would be possible to have two bishops in each diocese.

The secular press in reporting on the special convention said Mr. Cox had urged deferment of an election in this diocese. He had not made such a proposal in his published letter. The diocesan paper of the Diocese of North Carolina, *The North Carolina Churchman*, editorially commended Mr. Cox's letter and urged a serious consideration of the proposals contained in it.

Presiding Bishop Sherrill wrote to the Standing Committee strongly urging deferment of the election until the possibilities of re-drawing diocesan boundaries had been fully explored. Bishop Sherrill seemed to be of the opinion that it would be better to have only two diocese in the state. The Presiding Bishop's letter was received

very late by the Standing Committee as it had been addressed to the Rev. George F. Rogers and forwarded to Mr. Rogers in Florida. Mr. Rogers was President of the Standing Committee prior to his retirement and the Diocesan Convention in May, 1947.

A letter from the Rt. Rev. Bland Mitchell of Arkansas, an officer of the National Council, was read to the convention by Mr. Stoney. Bishop Mitchell urged delay of the election on the grounds that the inclusion of Western North Carolina into a larger diocese would be more practical financially. His letter mentioned the financial aid the diocese receives and indicated this help might have to be greatly reduced if Western North Carolina elected a diocesan and continued as a separate diocese.

Ed. Note: A sum in excess of \$13,000 was received by the Diocese last year from the National Council. This includes all United Thank Offering salaries paid to women workers in the Diocese. Money for these salaries comes from the Woman's Auxiliary and is administered by the National Council. E. L. Kemper, chairman of the Department of Finance of the Diocese, stated in the later debate that the Diocese sent over \$12,000 to the National Council during 1947.

Following Mr. Stoney's report, the Rev. I. N. Northup, rector of All Souls, Biltmore, moved that the convention proceed with the business of electing a bishop. The motion was carried.

Dr. P. N. DeVere of Morganton made a motion calling for a reconsideration of Mr. Northup's motion. The debate on Dr. DeVere's motion occupied the whole morning session and continued after the luncheon recess. Following the recess, Dr. DeVere again took the floor to explain that the purpose of his motion was not to defeat an election, but had been called for by his feeling

that the first motion implied a complete refusal of the Diocese to consider any future proposals to re-draw diocesan boundaries. The motion for reconsideration was defeated.

The convention defeated a motion by the Rev. W. C. Cravner of Gastonia

calling for an adjournment of the convention. However, it was decided to appoint a committee at the regular convention in May to study the question of diocesan realignment in cooperation with the dioceses of North Carolina and East Carolina.

Results of The Balloting For The Election of Bishop of The Diocese

Name	Clerical	Lay	Clerical	Lay	Clerical	Lay	Clerical	Lay
Tucker, F. B.	4	34	8	51	11	56	13	56
Jones, M. G.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henry, M. G.	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	0
Morgan, A. R.	0	5	0	4	0	4	0	4
Donovan, H. A.	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Sparkman, T.	4	6	3	5	1	0	0	0
Stoney, W. S.	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burke, J. P.	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	3
Madson, G. R.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lackey, B. M., Sr.	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higgins, J. S.	4	6	6	10	11	15	12	15
Grainger, J. C.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuart, A. R.	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Warnecke, F. J.	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Neff, E. R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenkins, G. M.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haden, C. R.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, J. W.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean, by humility, doubt of his own power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatest is not in them but through them. And they see something divine in every other man, and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful.

—*Ruskin.*

There are eight regular Roman Catholic radio programs on four extensive networks, according to *The Catholic Visitor*. There are Churches that believe radio broadcasting is productive.

The Rev. Aubrey Caldwell Gilmore, who retired from the active ministry September, 1939, after having served as Priest-in-Charge of St. James Church, Black Mountain, and Chaplain at Oteen from 1934, died December 5th. He began his ministry as a Congregationalist. Later he was ordained Deacon and Priest by Bishop Codman of Maine. Fr. Gilmore served congregations in Maine, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania before coming to North Carolina.

Convocation of Asheville Meeting

An address by Father Bonnell Spencer, member of the Order of the Holy Cross and prior of St. Andrew's School for boys at Sewanee, Tenn., and election of officers featured the opening session of the Asheville Convocation of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina February 3, in All Souls parish house.

The second session of the convocation opened at 8 o'clock February 4, in Trinity church with a service of Holy Communion followed by three meditations by Father Spencer at 10 and 11 o'clock and noon.

Father Spencer, who is a leader of the annual Valley Forge Youth conference, spoke on "Youth Work." He was introduced by Father Westwell Greenwood, dean of the Convocation.

Preceding his address, a paper entitled, "What is Christianity" by the Rev. Clarence R. Haden, rector of St. Philip's church, Durham, was read, and a business meeting was conducted at which time reports by missionary priests of the convocation were given.

Among these were reports by the Rev. Rufus Morgan, the Rev. Howard Rhys, and Father Greenwood.

Mr. Morgan gave a report on work currently under way at Cherokee and discussed new missionary work at Soco Gap. He told of plans for the erection of a new church building and recreation hall on the Cherokee Indian reservation.

Fr. Rhys discussed the new parish hall erected largely through volunteer labor among members at Trinity chapel and also reported the purchase of a new Litany desk as a gift by a member of the parish.

Father Greenwood reported on work

at the Church of the Redeemer and St. Luke's chapel. He told delegates to the Convocation that a new priest's living quarters are nearing completion at the Redeemer church and that the interior of St. Luke's has been completely redecorated. A basement in the building has been equipped as a parish hall, he added.

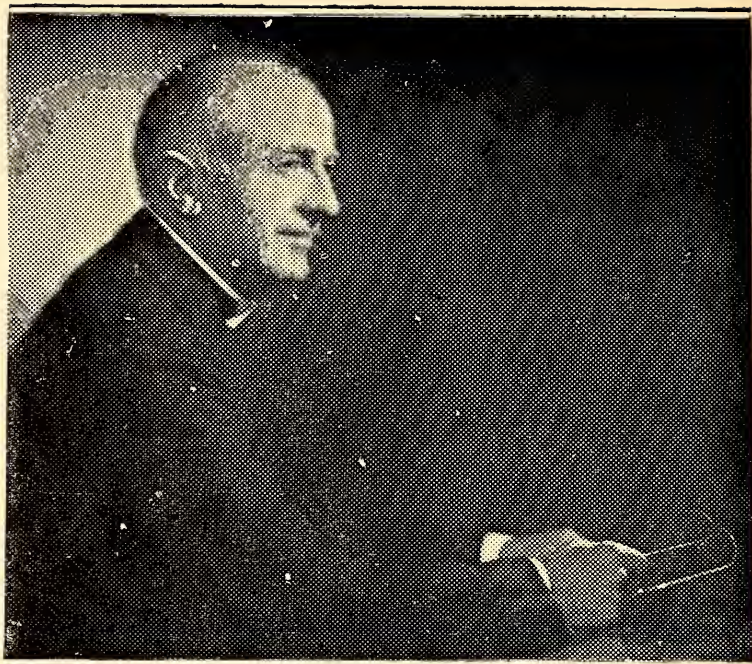
The Rev. Mark Jenkins, rector of Calvary church at Fletcher and president of the standing committee of the Western North Carolina diocese, announced that Dr. F. Bland Tucker, D. D., rector of Christ church, Savannah, Ga., had declined election as bishop of the diocese.

Father Greenwood was reelected dean of the Convocation and Mr. Rhys was reelected secretary and treasurer during a brief business meeting.

Father Spencer was heard again last evening at a choral Evensong service at All Souls Church.

TWO AIDED PARISHES ADVANCE

At the first of the year, two aided parishes of the Diocese have taken all financial responsibility upon themselves. The two which have become self-sustaining parishes are St. John's, Marion, and St. Paul's, Wilkesboro. Father Albert Mack, rector of St. John's has done splendid work in Marion, not only in leading the parish to self support, but in his work with the Church School. The Rev. Boston M. Lackey, Sr., has overcome the difficulty of living thirty miles away where he is also rector of St. James, Lenoir, to lead St. Paul's to self-support. Mr. Lackey has often expressed himself of being quite anxious for St. Paul's to have a full-time rector, for both Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro are rapidly growing.



The Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill, Presiding Bishop, who wrote to the Standing Committee urging a deferment of the Episcopal election until re-division of the N. C. dioceses could be studied. The letter reached the Standing Committee just before the convention was held which elected the Rev. Dr. F. B. Tucker.

Mr. Redwood Reports

The report for the year, found elsewhere in this month's issue, is based on receipts up to January 26th. Parish and mission treasurers are cautioned to examine their books to see if they are really in arrears for 1947. If it is not borne in mind that some of the receipts have come in during 1948, a financial score sheet would show: Parish assessments paid, 12; overpaid, 1; underpaid, 5. Parish quotas paid, 2; overpaid, 8; underpaid, 8. Mission assessments paid, 31; overpaid, 1; underpaid, 2. Mission quota paid, 8; overpaid, 19; underpaid, 5. Unorganized mission as-

sessments paid, 7; overpaid, none; underpaid, 7. Unorganized mission quota paid, 2; overpaid, 2; underpaid, 10.

In a letter accompanying his report, Mr. Redwood said in part: "Our payments to the 1947 Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief were over \$5,000 (155% of the quota we were asked to raise) and the Reconstruction and Advance Fund was over the quota nearly 50%. This Diocese is ready to go forward, so let's 'Dare to Lead'—1948 is with us, so it's time to look forward not backward."

**RECEIVED BY THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH
CAROLINA FROM PARISHES AND MISSIONS
For The Year 1947**

*On Assessment For
Support Of The Diocese*

<i>Made</i>	<i>Paid</i>
\$ 796.07	\$ 736.07
183.49	183.49
119.27	119.27
797.47	797.46
122.18	122.18
67.96	77.43
240.00	240.00
262.12	262.20
208.93	208.93
209.93	209.93
155.00	155.00
150.40	150.40
99.65	99.65
369.99	369.99
235.19	240.00
382.55	385.00
85.23	85.23
55.75	55.76

*On Quota For
Program Of The Church*

<i>PARISHES</i>	<i>Accepted</i>	<i>Paid</i>
Asheville, Trinity -----	\$ 2,238.95	\$ 2,742.12
Asheville, St. Mary's -----	516.07	514.07
Asheville, St. Matthias' -----	335.43	56.35
Biltmore, All Souls' -----	2,242.95	1,829.17
Brevard, St. Philip's -----	343.64	203.67
Flat Rock, St. John's -----	191.15	217.76
Fletcher, Calvary -----	676.73	600.00
Gastonia, St. Mark's -----	737.22	811.35
Hendersonville, St. James' -----	585.64	640.50
Hickory, Ascension -----	590.44	273.25
Lenoir, St. James' -----	437.98	516.05
Lincolnton, St. Luke's -----	422.99	288.48
Marion, St. John's -----	280.26	281.93
Morganton, Grace -----	1,098.00	1,262.52
Rutherfordton, St. Francis' -----	661.42	661.42
Tryon, Holy Cross -----	1,075.91	1,073.46
Waynesville, Grace -----	239.72	243.00
Wilkesboro, St. Paul's -----	156.77	156.80

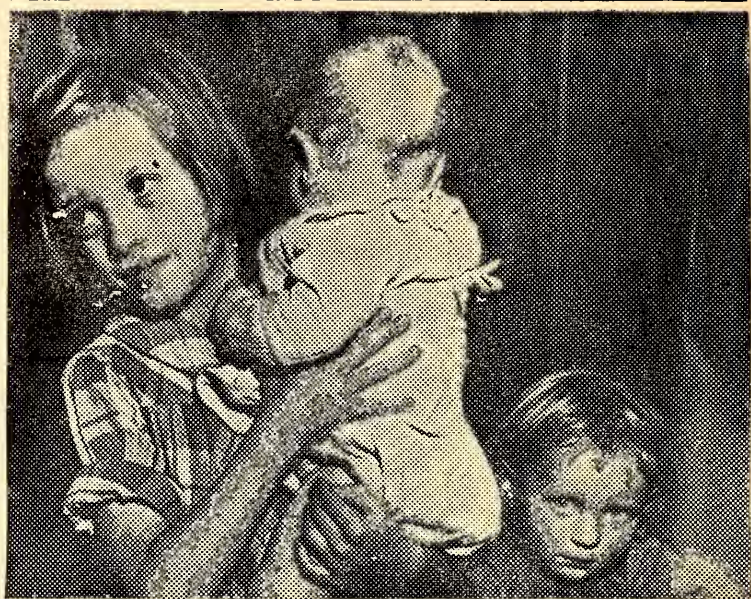
MISSIONS

30.00	30.00	Arden, Christ School -----	79.30	30.00
16.65	16.65	Asheville, The Redeemer -----	46.83	69.41
12.00	12.00	Asheville, St. Luke's -----	28.13	41.21
16.74	16.74	Asheville, Trinity Chapel -----	47.07	48.17
10.00	10.00	Bat Cave, Transfiguration -----	76.86	82.65
10.00	10.00	Beaver Creek, St. Mary's -----	19.52	19.52
10.00	10.00	Bessemer City, St. Andrew's -----	25.48	37.00
82.41	82.41	Black Mountain, St. James -----	231.78	234.41
30.00	30.00	Blowing Rock, Stringfellow M. -----	56.84	63.44
22.85	22.85	Boone, St. Luke's -----	64.26	64.26
54.34	54.34	Canton, St. Andrew's -----	152.83	81.41
6.00	6.00	Cherokee, St. Francis of Assisi -----	10.00	26.23
6.00	6.00	Cullowhee, St. David's -----	7.93	7.93
10.00	10.00	Edneyville, St. Paul's -----	14.80	21.00
53.43	53.43	Franklin, St. Agnes -----	150.28	170.07
10.00	10.00	Franklin, St. Cyprian's -----	15.25	23.50
10.00	10.00	Glen Alpine, St. Paul's -----	19.52	10.61
10.00	10.00	Glendale Springs, Holy Trinity -----	15.25	20.28
10.00	10.00	High Shoals, St. John's -----	21.19	21.19
45.88	45.88	Highlands, Incarnation -----	129.44	156.25
10.00	10.00	Hot Springs, St. John's -----	14.64	14.64
20.00	20.00	Legerwood, Chapel of Rest -----	76.86	76.86
10.00	10.00	Lincolnton, St. Cyprian's -----	18.30	26.35
10.00	10.00	Lincoln, Woodside, Our Saviour -----	20.16	26.35
20.00	20.00	Little Switzerland, Resurrection -----	30.50	66.10
12.00	12.00	Morganton, St. Mary's -----	13.86	18.00
10.00	10.00	Morganton, St. Stephen's -----	50.66	56.66
18.01	18.01	Murphy, Messiah -----	73.36	8.68
26.08	26.08	Rutherford, St. Gabriel's -----	81.74	81.74
10.00	10.00	Saluda, Transfiguration -----	186.46	186.59
64.16	64.16	Shelby, The Redeemer -----	7.32	7.32
10.00	10.00	Sylva, St. John's -----	7.93	7.93
10.00	10.00	Todd, St. Matthew's -----	107.88	122.77
38.36	47.25	Valle Crucis, Holy Cross -----		

UNORGANIZED MISSIONS

12.00	12.00	Asheville, Grace -----	16.18	15.00
5.00	5.00	Blackstone, Mission -----	6.00	1.40
10.00	10.00	Cashiers, Good Shepherd -----	10.00	10.00
-----	-----	Dutch Creek, St. Anthony -----	-----	-----
-----	-----	Edneyville, St. Peter's -----	-----	-----
-----	-----	Lincolnton, St. Paul's -----	-----	-----
-----	-----	Lincolnton, St. Stephen's -----	-----	-----
12.00	12.00	Linville, All Saints -----	24.40	18.00
-----	-----	Morganton, St. Elizabeth's -----	-----	-----
10.00	10.00	Penland, Good Shepherd -----	30.50	80.97
6.00	-----	Rutherfordton, Missions -----	8.44	-----
10.00	10.00	Tryon, Good Shepherd -----	10.07	10.07
12.00	12.00	Upward, St. John Baptist -----	61.00	67.10
-----	-----	Valle Crucis, St. John Baptist -----	-----	-----

\$5,345.09	\$5,324.06	TOTAL	\$14,907.71	\$14,476.62
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Orphaned by the war, these European children need help and they need it NOW. Millions of such children overseas are striving for survival. The Episcopal Church is making a nationwide effort to raise a million dollars for World Relief through its Presiding Bishop's Fund. By means of a nationwide radio hookup, the administrative head of the Church, Presiding Bishop Henry K. Sherrill, will speak to his entire membership in their churches at exactly 11:32½ A. M., Sunday, February 29.

The Plan Is A Simple One

February 29, 1948, is the third Sunday in Lent. The National Council has asked each parish and mission to set aside this day for a special appeal for The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

The Presiding Bishop, at the eleven o'clock service on February 29 in each of our four time zones, will make a radio address over a complete nation-wide network to members of the Church as they are sitting in their pews. His ten minute talk will deal with the needs of Europe and Asia. He will emphasize our responsibility as Christians to fulfill those needs.

Following Bishop Sherrill's address and a short talk by the rector, designated members of each congregation will pass out offering envelopes and pledge cards to all present so that gifts may be made immediately.

The special offering will then be taken and presented at the altar.

It must be specially noted: *While all or most of the million dollars can be raised at this one service, nevertheless, each parish and mission must be responsible for its full share of the quota whether or not it is completely raised at this time.*

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

Gastonia

St. Mark's had an unusual Christmas Eve service. The largest congregation on record for many years participated. The carol service was supplemented by violin renderings by Mr. Leslie O. McCollum and a solo by Miss Jeanne Gregg.

The Parish House and Church have been redecorated inside, and a new stoker furnace has been installed in the Church. The budget for 1948 has been over subscribed.

Valle Crucis

At the meeting of the congregation of Holy Cross before Christmas, new officers of the Mission Committee were elected. They are: Miss Rosalind Ragsdale of Newland, treasurer, Mrs. James Davis, clerk, Mr. Lewis Townsend, Mr. Julius Yates and Mr. Malcolm Glover. An additional salary for 1947 of \$100 was voted for the priest-in-charge, and it was expected that the 1947 quota would be overpaid by a sum in excess of \$150. A stoker has been installed in the rectory.

Rutherfordton

St. Francis' recently received a gift of \$1,000 which has been deposited in a special contingency fund for the time being. There has also been a recent gift of a blue rug which is being used to brighten up the Undercroft.

During the convalescence of the Rector, who underwent a tonsillectomy, the Rev. H. Boyd Edwards, D. D., and the Rev. J. B. Sill held services in St. Francis'.

Morganton

Grace Church held its annual parish supper and business meeting the evening of January 21st with 114 persons attending. Mr. Hal M. Walton, Mr. A. B. Stoney, Mr. Sam Teague, and Mr. William A. Leslie were elected to a three year term on the Vestry. They

fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the three years service on the Vestry of Lt. Col. C. M. Walton, Mr. Dewey Oxford, Mr. B. A. Jacob, III, and Mr. R. M. Starrett.

A resolution of thanks to the Rectory Building Committee was voted over the protest of Col. C. M. Walton, Chairman of the Committee. Col. Walton pointed out that the Building Committee had simply gone ahead and done its duty as it appeared to them, and that perhaps the following year a resolution of condemnation of the Committee might be passed! "We went ahead with the building of the new rectory, and you all will now have to pay for it!", he said, amidst roars of applause and laughter. Other members of the Building Committee were Dr. P. N. DeVere, Mrs. A. B. Stoney, Mr. R. M. Starrett, and Mr. H. L. Riddle, Jr.

Dr. DeVere, Secretary of the Vestry, read a letter from Mr. B. A. Jacob, III, Every-Member-Canvass Chairman, in which it was stated that the total parish goal of \$8,792.69 was over-subscribed by \$146.47 with 141 pledges, and that \$1,542.68 of this amount was pledged for the "Red side" or Church's Program.

In his closing remarks the Rector thanked the congregation for providing him and his family with such a lovely new home into which he had just moved the week before, and also expressed appreciation for the "pounding" given that day by the ladies of the parish. He expressed the hope that the material progress of the parish and its numerical growth was a real indication of an inward and spiritual contact with our Lord without which all *the rest* is mere mockery.

Other Places

As far as the HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN knows, nothing newsworthy has happened in the Convocation of Asheville parishes and missions.

Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

1. *Do you think the matter of changing diocesan boundaries should have been brought before our Special Convention?*

Yes. The Standing Committee had called the Convention for the sole purpose of electing a Bishop, but, between the time the notice was sent out and the Convention was assembled many communications had been received to the effect that the Convention should not be held in view of the boundary discussion. Since the Standing Committee had called the Convention, it had the right to ask the Convention to listen to these communications. The Convention voted to hear them.

The boundary question is a very important question that will probably arise again and again. The hearing of these letters was a contribution to education on the matter. Nevertheless, since there was no communication from any officially responsible person in the Diocese of North Carolina, the oldest

and largest diocese, as to what that diocese was prepared to do or not do, and, since not one of the letters proposed anything for our diocese to do except wait, or, possibly make a survey, I feel that our Convention was eminently correct in proceeding with the Order of the Day.

2. *What do you think of the Convention?*

The total number of delegates was the largest in the history of our diocese. In my opinion, there was more interest manifested, more apparent determination to go forward than in past years. The forward looking speech of the Chairman of the Department of Finance was, I think, typical of the way most of that fine body of men felt. Many have told me that there was no undue or unfair pressure for any candidate. Trinity Parish was most hospitable. We made a wise choice of a leader.

BOOKS FOR LENTEN READING

In addition to the Presiding Bishop's Book for Lent, *Revive Thy Church, Beginning With Me*, by the Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, the National Council has prepared a reading list keyed to the theme of Evangelism. Listed are *Tomorrow is Here*, by K. S. Latourette and W. Richey Hogg; *The Bible and the Common Reader*, by Mary Ellen Chase; *The Story of the New Testament*, by E. J. Goodspeed; *A Plain Man's Life of Jesus*, by A. D. Martin; *The Religion of the Prayer Book*, by Walden Pell and P. M. Dawley; *The Divine Commission*, by Frank E. Wilson; *The Episcopal Church, Its Faith and Order*, by George Hodges, and *What Does The Episcopal Church Stand For?* by Norman Pittenger.

In case of serious illness call your Rector immediately. Please make sure that he learns about it directly from you. Every priest of the Church rightly wants to know of the illness of his people and should be informed as soon as the Doctor.

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Lake Forest*

*Ed. Note: Mr. Carper was formerly
Rector of Calvary Church, Fletcher*

As I write this, there lies on my desk the National Council's list of needs in overseas missions: "Priests for Wrangell, Sitka, Tanacross and Menana-Alaska; a priest for Cuba; three priests for Honolulu; a priest for Liberia; three priests for the Canal Zone, one Spanish speaking; a priest for Puerto Rico." Almost every week I receive an inquiry about a priest for a parish, for a mission, for an institution, for a prep school, for a college, here in the United States.

Hundreds of places, where there is at the present time support for the work, remain vacant because there are not enough men to go around. And in addition there is the "field which is the world, white for the harvest." Men wanted, men needed. Where are they?

Well, they are already here, baptized, confirmed, in high school and in college, but they aren't going into the ministry in either sufficient numbers or with adequate personal endowment. The law, medicine, business, theater, publishing and all the rest of the professions are getting not only the cream but the bulk of the crop.

This situation will continue until: first, the parishes of the land wake up to their responsibility to recruit for the ministry, and second, the seminaries receive enough support to train these who are recruited.

Waiting For A "Call"

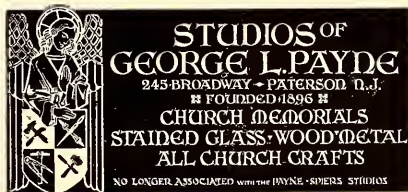
"Recruiting for the ministry" is perhaps a crude phrase, but it has advantages. The average person thinks too much of a "call" as a mysterious voice speaking in the inward recesses of the soul. Hearing no such voice he concludes the ministry is not for him. The only "call" necessary is to hear God's

perennial "Who will go for us?" as that come in every recognition of human need. Any young man who is convinced of the truth of Christianity and who sees a world going to hell because it rejects that truth, can offer himself to the Church. Then the Church, through her bishops, standing committees and examining chaplains, can see that the volunteer is prepared as well as possible for God to use him.

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MAN WHO MADE RADIO FORTUNE HEADS TO HUMBLE PASTOR POST

By Harmon W. Nichols

James Wesley McClain, who earned \$500,000 in radio as the original "Dr. I. Q." and gave up his career to study for the ministry, recently headed for his new parish in Texas—with his last \$35 in his pocket.

The Rev. Mr. McClain's ambition is to become a country parson, and as such, he never can hope to make more than \$2400 a year.

"Not Sorry" Over Change

He was among 19 students who knelt and received diplomas recently in the little chapel at the Seabury-Western Theological Seminary.

"I'm not at all sorry I left a fat job before the microphone to appear behind the pulpit," he said. "All right, so I'm broke. I don't consider that I threw my money away. Part of it paid for my training here. I have a lot of expensive movie equipment—which is my hobby. And I have a library worth

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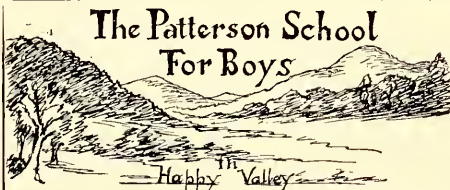
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“I am a convert to the Episcopal Church,” McClain said. “I like people. I like country people. That’s why I want to devote the rest of my life to small town missions. I have no am-

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EDITORIAL

By the time this editorial is read, the longest part of the Lenten season will be over and our minds will be turning to the joy of Easter. In this issue something of the difficulty of keeping our minds on Lent alone is seen by our necessity to print both a Lenten meditation by Father Lambert and the Presiding Bishop's Easter Message. We are sure that this is a difficulty that assaults us all in one form or another in our Church life. Although we are called upon by our Church to exercise greater self-discipline, abstinence, and spiritual study, we are constantly being lured away by pleasures of the moment or anticipation of joys to come. If we have fallen short this Lent, or find ourselves growing weaker, let us use the remaining time to the utmost for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls.

DIOCESAN LINES

A clerical trade paper known as PARSONS had something to say about realignment of our Dioceses in the state.

It made reference to a tendency that is not limited to Church affairs for problems to be referred to committees where they languished. Let us hope that positive action will result from the work of committees that are being organized in the three dioceses.

Diocese of Western North Carolina Thanksgiving Receipts

As Of February 17, 1948

Arden, Christ School	\$ 36.00
Asheville, Trnity	257.28
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Hickory, Ascension	275.00
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Highlands, Incarnation	20.10
Legerwood, Chapel of Rest --	5.00
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Our Saviour	10.00
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Penland, Good Shepherd ----	6.29
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Shelby, Redeemer	4.00
Tryon, Holy Cross	269.82
Upward, St. John's	6.00
Waynesville, Grace	30.00
Wilkesboro, St. Paul's	73.82
Valle Crucis, Holy Cross ----	29.92
Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of W. N. C.	50.00

TOTAL\$2,993.39

Lent and Spiritual Unity

By The Rev. Peter Lambert, O. G. S.

In the recurrent cycle of our life which is of God, during this holy season, we pray in the words of one of the collects that we "may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts" of our Lord's incarnate life upon earth wherein the creative and redemptive purpose of God is revealed and effected. They are the acts in which the Church acknowledges the life and light and love of God incarnate once for all in Christ, and thereupon offered to the world in the fellowship of the Holy Ghost. By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation: . . . by Thy Baptism, Fasting and Temptation; by Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy Precious Death and Burial; . . . and goal to which our Lord lived: by which He triumphed and reigns "by Thy Glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost." By this "full sufficient Sacrifice" and Oblation of Himself He has given us an access to the Eternal Father to Whom in His Humanity by the very virtue of our Baptism we must offer ourselves continually to God. This love and abandon may bring strange suffering to the soul whereby we are purified from self by allowing Jesus Himself to be our prayer that we may be His.

Some ten years ago a spiritual movement was brought to light by means of which Christians of diverse traditions could join together in our Lord's prayer "that all may be one" in Him. There is no organization, intentionally, so that the Spirit will be allowed free access among the many Christians throughout the world of every race and nation; Anglican, Orthodox, Old Catholics, Protestants and Roman Catholics who have indicated their participation may continue in this practice which is simple in itself, but of a far reaching theological and spiritual significance.

It is not amiss for us during this Lent and emphasis on Evangelism not only to consider but for us all to grow into this participation of our continual intercession which He makes for us at the right hand of God (Rom. 8:34), that we may the better be able to fulfill our life's work. The suggestion is that each individual soul "abandon itself wholly to the prayer of Jesus," by which is designated the prayer which our Saviour is continually addressing to His Father, of which the intention is sometimes known to us and sometimes remains mysterious to us. It is a question of allowing a "free coursing" or a "free passage" through us of the eternal prayer of Jesus, in order to allow "Jesus Himself to become our prayer," to unite us to the life of prayer of Jesus. This will obviously imply, a continual oblation and sacrifice on our part and a veritable baptism of fire kindled by the saying "for their sakes I sanctify myself." Jesus prays differently in each individual soul, but to "plunge in the depths of His life of prayer is heaven," and whatever may be the *interior* suffering of His prayer, "even the prayer and agony in the garden, this suffering is still peace, as walking in the way of the Cross will prove. Before our Lord left the upper room He gave full utterance to His Life that His own may be one, as He and the Father are one in Their Love, whom the Father has given him who are distinguished by the love they have one for the other who are united in His life of prayer. In His love is all Truth as all life. To love is to worship, and the "hour cometh . . . when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." In our days the Father seeks these souls who will abandon themselves little by little, gradually and continually to the Blessed Trinity *in union with the prayer of Jesus.*

As Jesus prays in us unhindered by us, His prayer is Himself and He is Himself His prayer. "In Him all fulness dwelleth." He is the sole salvation of men—"All aid given on earth is given through Him." He is the fulfillment of the vocation, in the real sense of the word, to each soul.

Such a surrender and oblation is possible to all souls whatever their exterior circumstances. This offering of ourselves, our souls and bodies, is a *reasonable*, holy and living sacrifice, satisfies all the inspirations that a soul can receive, for the infinite prayer of Jesus contains in itself an infinity of divers attractions and complements. It unifies all life, every effort, all suffering, all work and all prayer. This oblation presupposes a vision. The vision is of the desire of the Father, that all offering themselves offer themselves to the blessed Trinity in union with the prayer of Jesus.

All those who worship thus are one, and this unity which begins here will be consummated hereafter. "Those whom thou hast given me, I will that they be where I am, that they may be with me." Go then with faith, go in Jesus in the way of the cross that finding it none other than the way of life and of peace we will literally live in Him who is continually before the throne of the Father adoring and adored in the power of His Resurrection.

Advance Information About Kanuga

The Board of Managers at their midwinter meeting found it necessary to make the following increases in rates for the Conferences and Camps for the coming summer season:

Woman's Auxiliary of Western North Carolina—June 3 and 4.....	\$ 5.00
Retreat for Women—June 7-10.....	10.00
Midget Camp (Girls 10 and 11)—June 12-25.....	30.00
Cub Camp (Boys 10 and 11)—June 26-July 9.....	30.00
Junior Conference—June 12-25.....	32.00
Young People's Conference—June 26-July 9.....	32.00
Boys Camp—July 10-August 21.....	150.00
Adult Conference—July 10-14:	
1 in a room.....	42.25
2 in a room.....each	36.25
College Conference—July 10-24:	
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Clerk School—July 12-24:	
1 in a room.....	32.25
2 in a room.....each	22.25
Children under 10.....per day	1.75
Children 10-12.....per day	2.00
Children 13-15—same as adults without registration fee	

No maid service or linens will be furnished for the Adult, College or Clergy Conferences. Those attending these periods may rent linen and blankets at Kanuga for \$2.00 per week, or blankets only for \$1.00 per week. No advance request necessary. Families bringing maids will be charged the same rate as adults, less registration fee.

Additional information will be given in the booklets ready for distribution about March 1.

The Good News of Eastertide

Dean Inge has rightly told us that the Gospel is not first of all Good Advice but Good News. The first disciples proclaimed an event of the greatest significance. "He is risen." In the entire history of mankind there is no news to compare with this—for here is a fact which has to do with God, eternal life and the destiny of every child of God. To be sure we have known this all our lives. It is a story which is almost two thousand years old and therefore may be presumed to have no news value today. But there is such a thing as having ears and yet not hearing. Sometimes a familiar truth comes to have immediate and vital significance. Death is as old as life, yet when death touches our own, it is a new experience. Sin is venerable but when we are gripped by temptation, it is a battle to be fought and won. So it is with the Good News of Eastertide. If we could only grasp its meaning for our world and for ourselves, all things would be made new. Selfishness would give way, the burden of sorrow and of despair would be lifted. Men would live as the children of God. Here then is Good News. The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!

Henry K. Sherrill,
Presiding Bishop.

PROOF READING ERROR

Trinity Church, Asheville, paid its full 1947 Assessment of \$796.07, and did not underpay it by \$60 as reported in the figures shown in the February issue of the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**.

THOMPSON ORPHANAGE OFFERING

Mr. M. D. Whisnant, superintendent of the Thompson Orphanage, reports that as of February 23, 1948, the sum of \$2,993.39 has been received from the Diocese. He has asked that the appreciation of the Orphanage be expressed to all church members through the **HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN**.

News Editors In Each Convocation

By reason of some rather glaring omissions of parish news items by the editor, it has been brought to his attention that some sure method of gathering news should be followed. Our predecessor in the anxious seat had appointed news editors in each convocation. The Rev. Charles G. Leavell is news editor for the Convocation of Morganton; all news from parishes and missions in this Convocation should be sent to him before the 20th of each month. In the Convocation of Asheville, news should be sent to The Rev. Mark Jenkins, Fletcher, whose name appears on our masthead as the assistant to the editor. It will be of immeasurable help to have all news come in from these two sources. And may we remind the parishes and missions again that the things which happen in each congregation are of interest to others in the Diocese.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Standing Committee has authorized its president, the Rev. Mark Jenkins, to appoint a committee of three priests and three laymen to meet with similar committees of the two other North Carolina dioceses to study the matter of realignment. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins shall be chairman of this special committee.

MITE BOX OFFERINGS

The annual services of Presentation for the Lenten Mite Box Offerings will take place in both Convocations shortly after Easter. In the Convocation of Asheville the service will take place at Calvary Church, Fletcher, on the second Sunday after Easter at 3 P. M. In the Convocation of Morganton, the service will take place on the second Saturday after Easter in Grace Church, Morganton.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Rutherfordton

Lenten services in St. Francis', Rutherfordton, are being held on Tuesday and Wednesday night, with guest preachers on Tuesdays.

At the 4 P. M. Lenten services on Fridays the Woman's Auxiliary Study Class is being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Ralph K. Webster. The study class this year is taking the form of a "Prayer Clinic" dealing with "The Art of Prayer", "Kinds of Prayer", and "Examples of Prayer", and devotional reading. As source for the latter the recent Church Congress booklet "The Way of Renewal" is being used.

St. Francis' Church School, excepting Sundays of extreme cold and heavy snowfall, is showing steady growth. From a low of four or five pupils it has grown to a present enrollment of 40. There are four classes. The Rector serves as Superintendent, and the following women are on the faculty: Mrs. Charles Cold, Mrs. B. H. Sumner, Mrs. R. M. Hudgins, and Mrs. Troy Scroggs.

Laymen of St. Francis are active in the affairs of their community. Mr. F. A. Towe is serving as Rutherford County Red Cross Roll Call Chairman with Mr. B. H. Sumner heading up the publicity phase of the Roll Call for 1948.

Hickory

The Y.P.S.L. of Ascension, Hickory, recently presented the Parish with a handsome new Church Flag. Another gift to the Parish were choir and pew editions of the 1940 Hymnals presented by Mr. Vernon Lackey. In keeping with new members acquired and new musical heights attained, the choir and acolytes now have new vestments.

Lenten services are being held on Thursday nights, with occasional guest preachers. The Rector, the Rev. Robert B. Campbell, is preaching a Sunday series of Lenten Season sermons on "The Lord's Prayer."

Diocesan Camp

Young people of the Diocese, between the ages of 13 and 24, will once again have the opportunity of being together at Patterson School for another glorious week in June. The dates for the Young Churchmen's Diocesan Camp have been set for June 6th-12th. Other details will be released in the next issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN. The cost is to be \$7.00, \$1.00 of which is registration fee.

In past years the Camp has been usually crowded beyond the capacity of the School, so that late registration could not be taken. Just to be sure, we suggest that you send in your name, age, and address, together with one dollar registration fee, to the 1948 Director, the Rev. C. G. Leavell, 301 S. King St., Morganton, N. C. An official registration blank will be in a later issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN, but is not necessary for early registrations.

CLERGY, LAY DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION, MAY 13th-14th: Accommodations in Morganton are limited but available by making reservations through Mr. W. D. McIntyre, Caldwell Hotel, Morganton, N. C. Tourist homes, hotels, and Grace Church parishioners have been asked not to accept guests unless and until they clear through Mr. McIntyre. We ask all delegates to cooperate with us; only thus can we handle the large Convention certain to assemble. Whatever your plans are, whether you want hotel or tourist home accommodation, parochial hospitality, are staying with friends inside or outside the parish, or plan to drive back home, make such plans known to Mr. McIntyre.

By action of the Standing Committee at its meeting February 6th the election of a Bishop is to be part of the order of business at the regular Diocesan Con-

vention. Nominations are to be made from the floor, and facts on candidates presented by those who nominate or second nominations, according to such special rules as the Convention itself may adopt.

In order to hasten ordinary business it was suggested that reports of Committees, Departments, and Commissions, wherever possible, be submitted simply by title, without comment. The Diocesan Convention meets May 13th and 14th in Grace Church, Morganton.

St. John's Marion

Several months ago a Men's Club was organized in St. John's Parish, with Mr. S. P. Dameron as Chairman. What began as an experiment has grown into a live organization consisting of twenty-five members under his able leadership. Quarterly meetings are held in the Community Building, lacking a Parish House, where supper is served, and an address by special speakers, among them Bishop Gribbin and Fr. Rhys, of St. James', Black Mountain. At the last meeting, held on December 1st, instead

of a special speaker, Mr. George Wiese, assisted by Mr. Donald Van Cleve, exhibited the Patterson School film, "Happy Valley", which all present pronounced, "Excellent!" On account of our growing Sunday School it was necessary to enlarge the two rooms on either side of the Church at a cost of over fifteen hundred dollars, most of which was subscribed by members of the congregation. The Vestry tried to buy some land adjacent to the Church on which to build a Parish House, but the owner refused to sell, so the enlarging of the rooms was the next best thing to do.

Among other activities of the Woman's Auxiliary is their annual Spaghetti Supper, for which they are famous in Marion, and served over two hundred people. This was held in the Community Building.

In August, the Rector presented a class of four men and one woman to the Bishop for confirmation, and another class of five men on December 11th, the last time, we regret to say, that the Bishop visited the Parish as Bishop of the Diocese.

NORTH CAROLINA EPISCOPAL COLLEGE STUDENTS MEET IN RALEIGH

The 11th Annual North Carolina Episcopal College Students Conference, composed of students from the 3 dioceses of North Carolina, was held February 6th through 8th in Raleigh, N. C., at the Church of the Good Shepherd and Christ Church. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 students from Duke University, University of North Carolina, N. C. State, The Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, St. Augustine's, Wake Forest, Flora MacDonald, E. C. T. C., Appalachian State, St. Mary's, and Campbell College.

The Conference theme, "The Challenge of Christianity," was presented and discussed by the Conference leader, The Rev. M. George Henry of Charlotte, N. C. The discussion groups which followed were: Canterbury Club

Clinic, led by the Rev. George Workman, Episcopal Chaplain of Duke University; The Opportunity of Lent, led by the Rev. Ray Holder, Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh; The Church and Social Action, by Dr. H. L. Trigg, President of St. Augustine's; Personal Evangelism, the Rev. I. Harding Hughes, Chaplain of St. Mary's, and Prayer led by the Rev. F. Craighill Brown of Southern Pines.

A resolution was passed by the Conference suggesting a partial solution to the problem of inadequate leadership in student work. The resolution suggested that the National Council and the Church Society for College work sponsor annually, for each Province, a one-week leadership training course for Canterbury Club officers and other students active in the work of the Church. It may well be that such training—as is now offered at Lake Junaluska, N. C., for Methodist leadership and other such

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On the last evening of the Conference the Annual Banquet was held, the main address being given by the Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

The Conference closed Sunday morning with services at the Church of the Good Shepherd at which the conference leader delivered the sermon.

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Young Churchmen's News

By Helen Elizabeth Thomas

St. Andrew's, Bessemer City

The young people at St. Andrew's, Bessemer City, have had a Christmas party, as well as a Feast of Lights Pageant. Before Christmas, they had a service of confirmation, at which time Miss Dorothy Shelton from Gastonia was confirmed. The young people from Gastonia were present for this service, at which the Bishop officiated.

St. James', Hendersonville

I have just had a letter from Pattie Stonham, one of the young people of the St. James League. She has appointed herself reporter from her church, and has been very faithful in sending me the news. If only more of you would take it upon yourselves to do this. Before Christmas, the young people of St. James had a square dance, and the groups from Fletcher, Bat Cave, Edneyville and Hendersonville attended. Refreshments were served and various games were also enjoyed during the evening. The Hendersonville group also had a Christmas Tree party for the children of the Sunday School. They also gave the Feast of Lights Pageant, which was well attended.

Trinity, Asheville

The time of meeting of the Trinity group has been changed from Sunday evenings to Friday evenings. The group meets in the Church at 7:30 for a devotional service and program, after which they adjourn to the parish hall for dancing and pingpong. The mothers of the group take turns about preparing sandwiches and hot chocolate to serve at 9 o'clock, and the young people pay 15 cents for refreshments. The programs have been very interesting, and attendance has increased to approximately 30 who come regularly every Friday.

On Tuesday, December 23, they had a formal dance for all members, includ-

ing the ones who were home from school for the holidays. There were 300 at this dance, which was a huge success. They have also participated in the Christmas Story Pageant, and are sending boxes to CARE regularly.

Grace, Morganton

The fellowship activity at Grace Church has run largely to square dancing in the parish house of late, with a dance planned for young married couples before Lent. This group meets every first and third Sunday evening of each month, and encourages attendance at the regular Church services, where the young people help in the Sunday School, sing in the choir, and help watch after children in the nursery during the 11 o'clock service. For Christmas, they wrapped gifts for local missions and packed candy.

On Youth Sunday, various members of the league took part in the reading of Morning Prayer. They have been meeting jointly with the Presbyterian Young People, on the fifth Sunday in the month. Present group leaders are Misses Avis Ann Oehlbeck and Grace Jahn, and counsellors are Mrs. L. W. Oehlbeck and Mrs. William Kirksey, each being assigned to give special help to one of the groups. The groups and an Auxiliary Chapter alternate in serving supper at each meeting.

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Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

You used the term "Hidden Isolationism" in your sermon. What do you mean by it?

I mean what Mrs. Vera M. Dean meant when she wrote in a paper on "American Foreign Policy" as follows: "We pay constant lip-service to the ideals of the UN. But like other nations in this period of transition from nationalism to internationalism, while we speak internationally, our automatic reflexes are still in the direction of national action. And we cannot but notice what might be described as 'hidden isolationism' in the statements of those who, for example, declare that we must aid Europe, but promptly add such qualification as: 'must we really help them that much? Can we afford to help them? Are the Europeans working hard enough themselves, or are they taking us for suckers? Must the United States always play the role of Santa Claus?'" After political isolationism is dead "hidden isolationism" can hang on.

Must we begin all of our diocesan conventions with a celebration of the Holy Communion?

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religious services of the Convention, subject, in the absence of the Bishop, to modification by the Convention itself." Some think that due to late arrivals and impending business the Holy Communion should be held at an earlier hour in the Church where the Convention is to be held; while others think that the service should always immediately precede the opening. What do you think?

Why is a parish entitled to three lay delegates to a Convention and just one clerical delegate?

If a parish employs more than one clergyman in canonical residence, they can vote. I do not know why there are more lay delegates than clerical. Our local Lutheran minister tells me that their parishes have just one lay and one clerical delegate. In our General Conventions we have four lay and four clerical delegates from each diocese. I believe, however, that our diocese is in accord with all the others in our Church on this matter.

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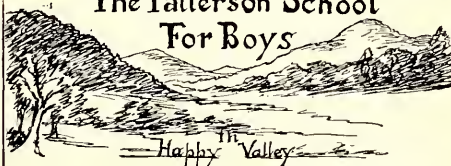
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elect and consecrate a successor to a Bishop?

Canonical requirements. This is a good question, however. It has already been suggested that a Committee of the House of Bishops be allowed to act upon the resignation of a Bishop instead of waiting until the House of Bishops meets. The canonical requirements will probably be shortened and made more in accord with modern business practice.

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Mr. Redwood's Open Letter

Facing the editorial page is a masterful letter from Mr. Redwood. We are sure he is as sorry to have been forced to write it as we are to feel the strong necessity of printing it. For in Mr. Redwood's charitable and understanding letter, there is a stern indictment of carelessness, ignorance and a narrow parochialism which afflicts us in this diocese. Proof that these sins exist is contained in the statement that some pay "just when it suits them" and that others "pay no more attention to our 'please remit' requests than if they were no obligation whatever."

Moreso than ever before, this is no time when the vital matter of stewardship can be shrugged off lightly. There is much consideration on the part of the National Council of whether or not we are worthy of receiving aid; it does not support our position that we are when we have to own up to the fact that there seem to be many who are willing to ac-

cept "free grace" without assuming any responsibility. If we do not meet our obligations, how are we going to uphold the hands of those who contend that this diocese is the one in the state which shows the greatest potentialities for growth? And finally, it should be remembered that any man who is elected bishop of this diocese will be sure to scrutinize out financial record very carefully. What he sees there may play a large part in his decision to accept or decline his election.

The May issue of THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN, which will go to press on April 20th, will carry the report for the first quarter from each parish and mission. We feel that it will be our duty to list separately all those in arrears.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Hard-pressed by the demands of Holy Week, a particularly heavy schedule of sick calls, preparing an Easter sermon and trying to get the kitchen garden ready for planting, the only explanation the editor can give of the cover is that it's pretty. It was only an act of superhuman will-power which kept us from printing the Legend of the Dogwood.

ASHEVILLE CHURCHES HAVE FULL LENTEN PROGRAMS

According to the Asheville "Citizen", which is almost the sole source of information for THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN's news from that remote part of the Diocese, the churches in Asheville had very full Lenten programs. All Souls, Biltmore, presented the Seven Last Words on Palm Sunday afternoon, St. Mary's, Redeemer, Trinity and St. Luke's Chunn's Cove, also held many services, especially during Holy Week.

What Is Stewardship----?

AN APPEAL TO ALL RECTORS AND TREASURERS IN THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

The financial report for 1947 is given in detail in the February copy of *THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN* and is a plain statement of our record for that year. Please peruse it carefully and then remember that "The light that shines farthest, shines brightest at home." How can we pay our missionaries their stipends each month unless you pay your part as it becomes due? May we hope that each Rector and Treasurer will realize the full measure of his responsibility and impress upon the people the real need for prompt payment of obligations to the Diocese.

This is the period of the year when your Diocesan Treasury suffers most. Why? Do our people wait for the little children and our Sunday Schools to show them the way with the Lenten Offering? Some people seem to dwell under the impression that what they pay to the Church is in the nature of a gift. Others feel that what they pay is a legal and moral obligation. We give to the poor, but we must pay our debts, and these include the monthly payments of our pledge of \$7,200.00 to the National Council for work in the Nation and in the World. Let us all strive a little harder, please.

We sometimes wonder what our Treasurers throughout our Diocese think when they receive frequent reminders from their Diocesan Treasurer of their obligation—Does it ever occur to them that our stipends to clergy and other obligations are arranged upon a monthly basis, and must be so met? You would feel ashamed to belong to a church that did not pay the Rector's salary, and yet from the little attention given to the statements mailed out regularly, one would think that you did not care whether or not the church met her obligations. A review of our records shows that most of our people pay up regularly every month—this is as it should be. Some pay apparently just when it suits them, and some others, we are sorry to say, pay no more attention to our "Please Remit" requests than if they were no obligation whatever. Fortunately these are in a small minority. Let us make responsibility the key-note and let us realize our responsibility and impress upon our people the necessity of meeting our obligations promptly. In the present day challenge to our Church there must come also a new appreciation of our Stewardship and of our relation to these needs. As individuals, as members of the Community and the nation, as members of the Church, we have a definite relationship and responsibility from which there is only one escape and that is by meeting them fairly and fully. Stewardship is a much broader term than many of us have been accustomed to consider. It includes everything that we call ours; our ability to do things, our talents commonly called gifts, our health and strength, our time, our personality, our character and our material possessions expressed in terms of money.

Consciously or unconsciously, we are judged by the way we discharge our stewardship, by the value we place upon the things we possess, not alone to ourselves but to others. This is a vital principle in daily life whether we acknowledge it or not, and from this there is no escape. Every privilege involves a responsibility, every gift an obligation. The time now is when we must reinterpret Stewardship in terms of world needs.

William M. Redwood, Treasurer.

About Bishops

By The Rev. Gale Webbe

Naturally there has been, and will be, much discussion of "Bishops" in our Diocese of late. Well, what about Bishops? Certainly this much, at least:

Christ founded a Church, to extend the Incarnation and its benefits to all men in all ages—for example, in order that He could be in living touch with us some two thousand year after His physical body was taken from the earth. In founding this Church He founded also a ministry, in the persons of His Apostles. "Go ye into all the world—and lo, I am with you."

The Apostles, after the descent of the Holy Ghost upon them, went as they had been instructed. They taught with Christ's authority, admonished with His authority, ministered to souls with His authority. That is to say, the twelve Apostles were the Divinely commissioned guardians of Christ's teaching, discipline, and sacraments.

But the Apostles died, each in his due time. Does that mean that Christ's authoritative teachings, discipline and sacraments perished from the earth when St. John, last of the Apostolic Band, yielded up the ghost? Hardly, else we must say that Christ was not very wise or far-seeing; that He took no care to see that His Church be extended to all generations; that He loved people of the First Century more than He loves us. No, the facts are that the Apostles trained and commissioned other, younger, men to carry on their authority in the succeeding generation. And these men in their turn passed on to others their authoritative stewardship of the grace and truth that came by Jesus Christ.

That is what Bishops are—successors of the Apostles. Holders of an office, an authority, a stewardship, a pastorate, that stems from Christ.

From this fact of the "Apostolic Suc-

cession" many truths follow. First, that the Bishop is the visible center of the Church's unity; living proof that our Episcopal Church is the one that Christ founded. This is a terribly important thing in our modern state of unChristian disunity when representative of more than 200 denominations claiming our allegiance in the name of Christ. "Lo here!" "Lo there!" they cry. And we question—"Which is the true Church, among so many? In fact, is there a true Church?"

The Apostolic Succession—the Bishop—should settle the question. He is Christ's commissioned Apostle in our midst today. In New Testament times, if Sigmon Magus and Saint Andrew both claimed to be Christ's official steward, it was easy to investigate the credentials of both and discover whose claims were valid and whose were simply "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing". And the point is that the choice is as easy today—St. Andrew's successor, the Bishop of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, is in our midst today. "None genuine without this signature".

Second, if we want to know that our sacraments are true and valid—that "This is my Body"; that "thy sins are forgiven thee"—we find that assurance in the Apostolic Succession. In the accredited ministry that our Lord Himself created so that He would indeed be in touch with our souls in this generation as in all generations.

In short, we Episcopalians are proud of our ancestry. Not in any backward-looking sense, but because our ancestry gives us spiritual assurance today and for the future. We do not grope in the dark for religious truth and comfort and help; we do not hope we have. We know we have it, and we can point to the Bishop as proof.

Patterson School Camp

As spring comes along and gets into your bones it is a reminder that pretty soon young people of the Diocese will be making their way to Happy Valley and the annual Diocesan Camp at Patterson School. Here's hoping you are one of the wise and lucky ones who come Sunday afternoon, June 6th.

Plans are shaping up pretty well, although there are still several details to be worked out. The Rev. Ralph K. Webster, Rector of St. Francis', Ruthersfordton, is to be the Chaplain. The Rev. C. G. Leavell, Rector of Grace Church, Morganton, is to be the Director. It is barely possible that Bishop Gribbin may be with us again; he writes that he will try to do so if he is within striking distance in June. Old-timers on the faculty will be the Rev. G. M. Jenkins, Rector of Calvary, Fletcher, and Chairman of the Youth Commission; the Rev. W. C. Leach, Holy Cross, Valle Crucis; and the Rev. J. H. W.

Rhys, of St. James', Black Mountain. A faculty addition is to be the Rev. Robert B. Campbell, of Ascension, Hickory. Miss Patricia Page, of St. Andrew's, Bessemer City, and Miss Helen Thomas, now of Trinity, Asheville, are to be with us as Counsellors. Among newcomers as Counsellors will be Mrs. Robert B. Campbell, of Hickory, and Miss Aline Cronshey, of Edneyville.

Courses of study will be three rather than four in the morning for each camper. Subjects offered will probably be "The Book of Common Prayer", "The Life of Christ", "Church Membership", "The Old Testament", and "Practical Problems of Young Peoples' Groups". The afternoon will be devoted very largely to recreation in the form of swimming, tennis, softball, hiking, baseball, and perhaps a bit of dancing. After the Chaplain's half-hour there will be indoor recreation and a camp-fire or two before bedtime. Of course there

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SPECIAL NOTICE

To The Clergy, Vestries, and Organized Mission Committees
of the Diocese of Western North Carolina:

By order of the Standing Committee the election of a Bishop will be the order of business for the Second Day of the Annual Diocesan Convention to be held in Trinity Church, Asheville, N. C., May 13 and 14, 1948.

The opening service will be held in Trinity Church at 10:30 A. M., on THURSDAY, May 13. The regular order of business for the Annual Convention will follow immediately.

The election of a Bishop will be held in Trinity Church on the Second Day, Friday, May 14.

Please note as follows:

1. All parishes that have paid their assessment for 1947 are entitled to three lay delegates.
2. All Organized Missions that have paid their assessment for 1947 are entitled to one lay delegate.
3. Lay delegates must be communicants of the Parish or Mission that they represent. Parish vestries elect their delegates. Mission committees elect theirs.
4. Delegates should be elected ten days before Convention.
5. The certificate should be properly filled in, signed, and sent to the Secretary of the Convention at least Five Days before the meeting of the Convention.
6. The election of a Bishop shall be by orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES P. BURKE, Secretary
766 North Main Street
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are to be three meals each day for everyone who takes turns at washing dishes and waiting tables; others will slowly starve!

The dates are June 6th-12th. Before May 15th nobody but Episcopalians between the ages of 13 and 24 will be accepted as registering; after that date we will open any vacancies that may exist to young people between the ages of 13 and 24 who are not members of the Episcopal Church.

Send in your registration for Diocesan Camp today; mail to this year's Direc-

tor, The Rev. C. G. Leavell, 301 S. King St., Morganton, N. C. In order that everybody may come either at the family's expense or on a scholarship gotten up by the local congregation, the cost is still only \$7.00 for the entire time. Camp will break up after breakfast Saturday, June 12th.

The finally-adjusted budget of the National Council for 1948, adopted at the last Council meeting, is in the amount of \$3,449,248.

Young Churchmen's News

The Youth Commission of the Diocese met in Morganton on Saturday, February 14, at 3 P. M. The Rev. C. G. Leavell was host to the members, who met at his new home. Suggestions for a director of the camp were made, and The Rev. Robert Campbell, Hickory, N. C., was elected. He had to refuse, however, as he is to be at Kanuga this summer to teach a class. The Rev. Charles G. Leavell was unanimously elected to serve in this capacity, with the Rev. Mark Jenkins, Fletcher, as the Vice-Director. Other officials will be appointed by the director, and will be announced later. Courses of study were also discussed, and several very good classes will be taught by the clergy. The

age limit for attendance to Patterson is 13-24, and any boy or girl who is a member of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Western North Carolina is urged to attend. This will be the fifth year camp has been held at Patterson School, in Happy Valley. We are anxious that this Diocese should equal the other Dioceses in its camp program, and the only way that we can succeed in our attempt is to have a large attendance of campers, who enjoy themselves. We can guarantee that you will enjoy being at camp, and we hope that you will take the opportunity to attend the camp this year. We will be looking forward to having you with us from June 6 to June 12.

Letters To The Editor

In our journalistic infancy, we may not know how happy we are and we may be asking for trouble, but THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN would welcome letters from its vast reading public. The silence which greets each issue might be interpreted as the ominous one which precedes a storm which will lead to a new editorial staff, or it may be the silence that gives assent. In any case, any paper is better for the editor being able to judge to some degree the temper of its readers.

In the future, space will be given to letters received before the 20th of each publication month. Limitations of space may lead to omissions or deletions, but we shall try to be fair in presenting all pros and cons. Letters should not exceed two hundred words and must be signed by the writer.

We hope many will enter the open forum.

Mr. Morgan Writes Reply To Mr. Cox

The February issue of "The North Carolina Churchman" carried a letter to the Rev. James S. Cox from the Rev. A. Rufus Morgan concerning the matter of realignment of the dioceses. Mr. Cox had suggested a division that would provide for only two dioceses, each with a bishop coadjutor, a plan which Mr. Morgan regards as unworkable. He writes:

"We need to regain more of the ideal of a Bishop as Chief Pastor for the whole diocese. Therefore we need smaller dioceses instead of larger. I realize this runs counter to the prevailing Episcopal conception of the grandeur which should surround the Episcopal office. However, we can profitably dispense with much of that."

Mr. Morgan's letter goes on to suggest that a division which would make the three dioceses equal in size presents a possibility which might well be considered.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Rev. George C. Ashton has resigned as Priest-in-Charge of St. Gabriel's, Rutherfordton, and St. Andrew's, Green River, to accept a call to work in Oklahoma City.

The Rector of St. Francis', Rutherfordton, has accepted temporary charge of St. Gabriel's and St. Andrew's, and is planning to conduct regular services in each mission twice a month. Lay leaders are to conduct Church School in both missions.

The young married couples organization in St. Francis', Rutherfordton, is a "going concern" which might well be emulated by other parishes. From the March 7th issue of "The Parish News" comes the following:

"The Lenten meeting of the St. Francis League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Sumner Tuesday, February 24th. Brief biographical sketches and reflections on prayer from the writings of St. Augustine, St. John Chrysostom, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Francis de Sales were read by the Rector. Refreshments were served to the five couples present by the hostess at the close of the meeting."

CLERGY, LAY DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION MAY 13th-14th

By action of the Standing Committee at its meeting April 1st, the place of the Annual Diocesan Convention was changed to Trinity Church, Asheville. This change was made necessary when it became apparent that the forthcoming Convention would be so well attended that facilities in Morganton would be too severely over-taxed. The original notice sent out by the Secretary of the Diocese, the Rev. J. P. Burke, stated that the Convention would meet in Morganton on May 13th. Mr. Burke has sent second notices to all parishes and

missions calling attention to the action of the Standing Committee in changing the place but *not* the date.

It was with great regret that the rector and congregation of Grace Church agreed to the change in the place of convention, for they had looked forward to welcoming the Diocese. It should be emphasized that there was no lack of willingness on the part of Grace Church to accommodate the Convention; there is only regret that the number of overnight accommodations and eating places is too limited to care for the large number of delegates and visitors who are expected to attend the Convention.

St. Philips's Brevard

The Rev. Harry Perry, rector, has announced his resignation which will take effect the last of June. Following his retirement, Father and Mrs. Perry will take up residence in Florida.

Calvary Church, Fletcher

Through a generous gift, the parish has been able to order a new 16mm sound projector with an extra speaker. A strip projector has been in use for some time each Sunday morning. The attendance in the Sunday School has increased to the point where there is no longer room in the old parish house.

Transfiguration, Bat Cave

Fr. F. A. Saylor has retired and will leave Bat Cave April 1st. Until a new priest is appointed, services will be conducted by the Rev. Mark Jenkins.

St. James, Hendersonville

The annual Parish Dinner meeting was held at the Bowen Hotel. The spirit of progress and harmony was quite evident. It was the vestry's decision to make 1948 a Church Building Year. Mention was made of Mrs. Helen Nichol's bequest to the New Church Building Fund, amounting to about three thousand dollars.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Elizabeth Van Noppen

The Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese met in Lenoir on March 16th. Despite the pouring rain, 19 members were present for the celebration of the Holy Communion, the Rev. Boston Lackey, celebrant, and for the enthusiastic meeting which followed. Mrs. Roger Winborne and Mrs. W. G. Byerly entertained the Board at luncheon at the home of the former, where the afternoon session was held.

Enthusiasm ran high over the plans for the District Meetings (which will have met before this issue reaches you), for the Annual Meeting at Kanuga, and for the Summer Conference at Valle Crucis.

The Annual Meeting will be held on June 3rd and 4th, opening at 2 o'clock on the 3rd, and closing at noon on the 4th. Miss Fletcher, our Diocesan president, with a committee composed of Mrs. E. L. Kemper and Mrs. Mark Dickerson, are busy working out plans to make this the best Annual Meeting ever, and information regarding the speakers should be ready for the next issue of *THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN*. One of the features is to have responsible high school girls from the parishes near Kanuga to care for the young children whom mothers may wish to bring.

The Summer Conference will be held at Valle Crucis on August 22nd to 27th. This conference, as you recall, is to be a conference for the churchwomen of our Diocese, and it is hoped and expected that this five day period will be one

of real enlightenment and spiritual enrichment.

Miss Fletcher has already obtained Mrs. E. G. Peoples, of Oxford, as one of the principal teachers and lecturers. Mrs. Peoples is past president of the Auxiliary of the Diocese of North Carolina, and is a very able teacher.

The Advance Work Offering for 1947 amounted to \$616.72.

Nobody at Trinity Church, Asheville, can remember when the attendance at the Lenten Study Classes was so large as it is this year. The rector, the Rev. Mr. Tuton, is the teacher, and leader of the discussion which follows.

The Auxiliary of St. James, Lenoir, decided that it couldn't meet every day for prayer, but that it did want and need unified praying. Lenoir has a fire siren that can be heard for miles around, and this siren blows every day at twelve o'clock. The sound of the siren is the reminder to the church women in their homes, that it is time for prayers—for guidance in the selection of a Bishop, for better world conditions, or for anything designated for that period. The president reports a large number of women participating.

STRANGE COMPANY

The Southwestern Episcopalian prints the following list of Lenten Sermon topics:

- Feb. 15—Satan Unmasked.
- Feb. 22—Satan's Brood.
- Feb. 29—Presiding Bishop.
- Mar. 7—Where Satan Hides.
- Mar. 14—Satan Vanquished.

Presiding Bishop's Appeal Successful

New York, N. Y.—The nationwide radio appeal for world relief made by the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on February 29, has met with unqualified success. Bishop Sherrill issued the following statement late yesterday:

"With deep gratitude to hundreds of thousands of donors, we have now passed the minimum goal of \$1,000,000. However, it should be borne in mind that the need is so great that every additional gift will bring relief to many sufferers throughout the world."

Bishop Sherrill's radio address was carried into thousands of Episcopal churches as a part of their Sunday morning service. It told of needs overseas, both in Europe and the Orient, and urged members of the Episcopal Church to respond to the appeal, which was for a million dollars; this in addition to a million dollars given for the same cause in 1947. It was the first time in the history of broadcasting that such a message was taken, on a country-wide scale, directly into practically all the church of any religious group.

BALTIMORE PRIEST LENTEN PREACHER IN ASHEVILLE

The Rev. Kenneth Gearhart, rector of St. John's Church, Baltimore, was the preacher at the noon-day Lenten services held during Holy Week. This series of services was sponsored by the Church Street Churchmen, representing the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Mr. Gearhart spoke to audiences which met in the Imperial Theatre in Asheville.

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Resolution Mrs. Charles H. Cowles

WHEREAS our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call to His Kingdom our beloved fellow member, Louise Lunn Cowles, past President of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Wilkesboro,

Bt It Resolved that we bow to His Holy Will in humble submission; that we deeply regret the loss of this leader from whose association our sense of fellowship has been strengthened; that we keep fresh our halo of delightful memories of our friend and co-worker by redoubling our efforts to carry on the work of our Auxiliary to which she gave such faithful service so cheerfully and efficiently; and that we hereby testify to her beautiful Christian character as evidenced by her true devotion and fidelity to duty;

Be It Further Resolved that we extend to her bereaved family our deepest sympathy; that these resolutions become a record of the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary; published in the local paper and **THE HIGHLAND CHURCHMAN** and a copy sent to the family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances H. Underwood
Blanche P. Hill
Hallie L. Forester
Rose W. S. Harvel

Auxiliary Officers and
Resolutions Committee

WAYNESVILLE RECTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Robert G. Tatum, rector of Grace Church, Waynesville, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the vestry. Mr. Tatum came to Waynesville in August, 1943, but for the past two years has been in ill health. He is a graduate of Sewanee, a veteran of the first World War, and a former missionary in Alaska.

Proposed Budget 1949

The Department of Finance presented the following tentative proposed Budget for 1949 which was accepted by the Executive Council at its last meeting. This will form the basis for the Budget which must be passed by the Diocesan Convention in May.

DIOCESAN EXPENSE FUND

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Endowment Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Ravenscroft Fund	1,500.00
Parishes and Missions—11%	8,720.00
	\$12,220.00

EXPENSES

Bishop Salary and Pension Premium	\$ 6,700.00
Bishop Travel and Office Expense	2,000.00
Replacement Bishop's Car	200.00
Delegates 1949 Convention	300.00
Repairs Shoenberger Hall	100.00
Salary Treasurer's Bookkeeper	60.00
Expense of Committees	25.00
General Convention Expense	300.00
Printing Journal	410.00
Dues Province of Sewanee	385.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Audit Treasurer's Books	50.00
Christian Education	100.00
Social Relations	25.00
Promotion and Publicity	700.00
Missions and Extension of the Church	150.00
Youth Commission	100.00
Salary Secretary of Diocese	150.00

\$11,910.00

GENERAL CHURCH AND MISSION FUND

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

From National Council	\$ 3,250.00
From Income Holt Fund	2,000.00
From Woman's Auxiliary	125.00
From Parishes and Missions—21%	16,674.00

\$22,049.00

EXPENSES

Missionary Stipends

St. James, Black Mountain	\$1,100.00
St. Philips, Brevard	512.00
St. Lukes, Boone	2,070.00
St. Andrews, Canton	600.00
Redeemer, Craggy	800.00
St. Lukes, Lincolnton	600.00
St. Gabriels, Rutherfordton	880.00
Patterson School	300.00
Redeemer, Shelby	920.00
Holy Cross, Valle Crucis	1,340.00
Grace, Waynesville	491.00
Reserve	1,387.00

\$11,000.00

Pension Premiums	\$ 1,100.00
Appalachian School	200.00
Kanuga Association	100.00
Chapel Hill	250.00
Patterson School	200.00
St. Mary's School, Raleigh	200.00
Negro Work	1,000.00
Archdeacon Kennedy Travel	150.00
General Church Program	7,500.00

TOTAL\$21,700.00

SEWANEE REGENTS EXTEND CALL FOR PEACE ACTION

At a special meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of the South Thursday evening, April 1, and Friday morning, April 2, the Regents discussed at length the international crisis and the threat of war and passed the following resolution which was telegraphed to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and subsequently released to the press. The full text is as follows:

"We, the Board of Regents of the University of the South at Sewanee, protest the feeling throughout the country of the inevitability of war.

We hold and proclaim that America must take the lead in stopping the spread of Communism, in preserving individual freedom and personal liberty, and in upholding the dignity of man. We must hope and strive to the utmost to accomplish this without recourse to war, and we must have faith that this can be done.

We must put our hearts and minds to the urgent task of studying the facts, finding a plan, and following a course that will attain these ends. We call upon ourselves, our faculty, and students to this high objective.

For ourselves, we regard the following as fundamental:

1. Acceptance by the United States of responsibility for leadership in world affairs.

2. A clearly defined foreign policy for the United States.

3. A strong Army, Navy, and Air Force.

4. A declaration of our deep desire for peace, but also of our determination to fight if necessary for the preservation of liberty and justice.

5. Economic aid to the non-Communist European countries as provided in the Marshall Plan.

6. A World Federation of Nations really capable of settling international disputes, stopping war and aggression, and preserving peace.

We reaffirm our belief in the redemptive power of the Christian faith and we pray that we may know and do God's will.

(Signed)

Frank Gillespie, Chairman
San Antonio, Texas.

Rt. Rev. Frank A. Juhan, D. D.
Bishop of Florida, and Chancellor.

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Bishop of Arkansas.

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How Is Your Parish Doing?

New York, N. Y.—A higher proportion of parish income goes towards the rector's stipend in the case of smaller parishes than true of larger parishes. This fact is brought out in a little study just published by The Church Pension Fund, 20 Exchange Place, New York City, in its April, 1948, issue of "Protection Points".

Parishes with annual income of \$3,000 to \$3,500 pay out about 57% of this as stipend to their rectors, on the average. Parishes with \$25,00 to \$30,000 income apply about 20% as stipend.

Graphs are given in the leaflet relating the size of parishes and missions to the stipends they pay. The size is measured by two yardsticks, namely the number of communicants and the annual income. Data for 1,966 congregations were used, ranging in size up to communicant groups of 1,500 people and up to annual income of \$40,000. Only congregations served by one clergyman were studied. The sample was considered a definitive one for the purpose.

The Pension Fund in 1947 published a fairly complete study of the ecclesiastical income (salaries) of clergymen. This new study focuses on the congregation as a unit, and what it applies as stipend, rather than on the clergyman and what his total stipend, often from several different sources, may be.

Compensation of \$3,500 a year, including rectory rental allowance of one-sixth of the cash salary, is typical of what parishes with 300 to 400 communicants and parishes with \$7,500 to \$10,000 annual income pay their rectors, according to the report. The earlier study brought out that the average stipend of the whole group of active clergy runs about \$3,450 a year.

We look to the seminaries for future priests; they look to us for support.

The Advance, of Chicago, reports a peculiar incident. Under the heading, *Sermon Goes Astray*, it reports the following: "Through some 'ethereal phenomena' a sermon being delivered by the Rev. Harold L. Hutton in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pawtucket, R. I., emerged loud and clear over the amplifying system in nearby St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church."

B. M. LACKEY, JR., RESIGNS

It has been announced that the Rev. B. M. Lackey, Jr., priest in charge of Church of the Redeemer, Shelby, has resigned effective May 31st. He is to assume charge of a church in Ashboro, N. C., in June. Mr. Lackey has been in Shelby for the past two years, and besides the work there, has also been priest in charge of the mission in Bessemer City.

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Question Box

By The Rev. J. P. Burke

Is our Church opposed to cremation?

I know of no pronouncement that our Church has made against cremation. Dr. Moss in his "Dogmatic Theology" (Anglican) says: "Christian sentiment is opposed to cremation, but not Christian principle; we do not believe, as the ancient Egyptians did, that the fate of the spirit depends on what happens to the body, or that a body which is burned, or eaten by wild beasts, will not rise again. But such pagan practices as 'scattering the ashes' are entirely contrary to the Christian spirit of reverence for that which has been, and in some way unknown to us will be again, the temple of the Holy Ghost."

What did the Palm Sunday crowd mean by the word "Hosanna"?

The Christian interpretation of the word "Hosanna" as used by St. Luke is "glory in the highest". It is an ascription of praise. It is not unlikely that the Jews used it in the sense of "save us", or, "Salvation from God", or, "be propitious".

Did Jesus divide people into good people and bad people?

Strictly speaking, no. He divided people into believers and unbelievers; into those who trusted him and those who did not. Those who trusted him would be as the book of Acts puts it "those who are being saved." He did not speak of the saved and the unsaved. The believers were people of the "Way"; people who had seen the vision of life in Him and opened their hearts to his teaching and the redemptive power of God.

“Full Many A Gem....”

Within the space of a few days, Holy Cross Mission, Valle Crucis, lost two of its oldest members in the deaths of Mrs. Julia Tester and Mr. Roah Mitchell.

Mrs. Tester, who was 83 at the time of her death, was a member for over forty years at St. Anthony's, Dutch Creek, which is a preaching station of the Mission. She was buried from Holy Cross Church on Sunday, April 2nd.

Mr. Mitchell was 73 when he died, having been a member of Holy Cross for most of his life. He was one of the few surviving members who remembered the Rev. Milnor Jones who was sent by Bishop Cheshire to re-open the mission work at Valle Crucis in 1895. Mr. Mitchell was a craftsman who with a few simple tools could turn out anything from wooden buttons to hickory split chairs. Funeral services were held for Mr. Mitchell on Wednesday, April 7th.

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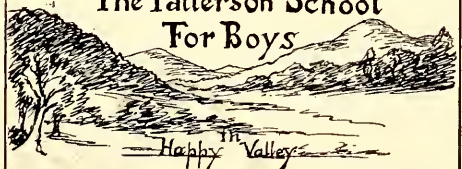
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